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Heseltine heart attack adds to the pressure on Major

■ The prime minister returns to Britain today to settle the fate of one minister and face the debate over party financing without his best advocate

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND JILL SHERMAN IN LONDON AND PHILIP WEBSTER IN COPENHAGEN

JOHN Major's luckless government suffered a double blow yesterday when Michael Heseltine was struck down by a heart attack and support for Michael Mates, the embattled Northern Ireland minister, ebbed away at Westminster.

As the prime minister launched a robust counter-offensive at the European Community summit in Copenhagen against Jacques Delors' social chapter, he was overshadowed by renewed traumas at home. Mr Major will fly back to London late this afternoon to face the temporary loss of one of his key cabinet lieutenants and the almost certain departure of the minister most entangled in the Asil Nadir affair.

Mr Heseltine, 60, the President of the Board of Trade, was on a weekend trip to Venice with Anne, his wife, when he fell ill early yesterday at the Cypriani hotel and was taken to hospital where doctors dignosed coronary thrombosis, a blockage of a main artery of the heart.

Mrs Heseltine telephoned Lord McAlpine of West Green, the former Tory party treasurer, who has a house in the city and who has been at the centre of the outcry over Mr Nadir's gifts to the Tory party. Earlier, Mr Heseltine had visited Lord McAlpine but the peer said that they had not discussed the Nadir case.

Downing Street officials said last night that Mr Heseltine, who was undergoing tests, was awake and not in a serious condition, but that it would probably be a couple of days before he could be moved. Professor Giorgio Caturelli, the chief cardiologist at Santi Giovanni E Paolo hospital in Venice, said: "His condition is not grave and is not worrying right now. Mr Heseltine is awake, lucid, and able to speak without difficulty."

Mr Major, who found himself being harried by reporters about events at home, said he had sent a message to Mr Heseltine and that he hoped he would recover soon. "All jobs are stressful but Michael is very tough, very fit. I am sure he will soon be back."

As stunned Conservative MPs digested the latest blow to the government's fortunes, Mr Heseltine's illness had an immediate impact at Westminster. Tony Newton, the Commons leader, was drafted in as a late replacement in today's Commons debate on the funding of political parties. Tim Sainsbury, the most senior middle-ranking minister at the trade and industry department, was named acting chief. Although trade department officials cleared Mr Heseltine's diary only for the rest of the week, most Tories expect him to be away from his desk for some time while he recuperates.

Mr Heseltine, along with Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, is one of Mr Major's closest supporters on European and economic issues. With Mr Clarke in the ascendant, he was no longer seen as a serious threat to Mr Major's leadership.

Julian Critchley, Tory MP for Aldershot and Mr Heseltine's biographer, blamed Mr Heseltine's illness on his punishing schedule, but said that his stamina was so great he would come back in "full flood".

Mr Critchley said on BBC radio: "My God, the government could really not afford to do without him. He is the strongest man in the Major government. Were he to stand down or be incapacitated this would be a grave blow indeed to the Conservative party. But I don't think that is likely to happen: I know Michael too well. He is too tough and he'll come back."

The prime minister was also distracted in his talks yesterday with his EC partners by the gathering storm over Mr Mates. Almost without exception, Tory MPs expect Mr Mates to tender his resignation as Northern Ireland security minister once the prime minister returns home.

Privately, senior Tories were saying that Mr Mates "was a goner" after the revelation that the minister asked the public relations firm acting for Mr Nadir for the loan of a car. The request, made after Mr Nadir, who is wanted on 13 charges of theft and false accounting, jumped bail, was seen by most Tories as an indefensible error of judgment.

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Centre of the storm: Michael Mates leaving Heathrow for Belfast yesterday

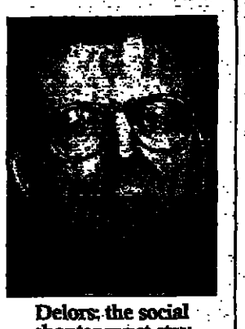
Britain rejects Delors package

FROM PHILIP WEBSTER IN COPENHAGEN

JOHN Major yesterday rejected Jacques Delors' blueprint for reviving Europe's flagging economies amid deep divisions among EC leaders over how to tackle its unemployment crisis.

After a day long debate at the European Summit in Copenhagen, British officials made plain that Mr Major saw little to support in Mr Delors' £33 billion package to boost infrastructure and transport projects. They argued that it contained few proposals to counter Europe's most serious problem, its loss of competitiveness with the US and the Far East.

At the same time, M Delors made clear that he would have nothing of Mr Major's call for the EC to scrap the social chapter and labour laws which, he said, were pricing the EC out of world markets.



Delors: the social chapter must stay

Although the summit will today paper over the cracks, with an agreement stressing longer term goals and aspirations, and a proposal for M Delors to produce a further report in six months at the Brussels summit, the debate laid bare clear differences of emphasis on dealing with the European recession.

It was a low key debate and participants said that M Delors and Mr Major had clearly tried to avoid a personal clash. Mr Major said that high European wages and social benefits had pushed up labour costs and driven jobs to other parts of the world.

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Publish full accounts, Tories say

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND ANDREW PIERCE

SIR Norman Fowler was under growing pressure last night to publish details of private donations to the Conservative party as a number of Tory MPs added their voice to Opposition demands for full disclosure of the party's accounts.

As the political tremors from the Asil Nadir affair reverberated around Westminster, Julian Critchley joined Richard Shepherd in saying it was time for the Conservatives to come clean about their sources of funding.

"Were we to publish our accounts properly, we would not find ourselves in the mess we are now in. It would leave us marginally poorer but without egg on our face," the Aldershot MP said.

On the eve of today's Commons debate on the funding of political parties, the Tory high command were defending their existing secretive procedures and winning the backing of most of their MPs. But a growing minority were having severe doubts.

David Hunt, the employment secretary, who will open for the government, is expected to say that Sir Norman has already gone further than ever before in publishing a breakdown of constituency donations to party headquarters. But he is unlikely to make more concessions to the clamour for reform.

Sir Norman, who will speak

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Britain tastes victory at last

JOHN GOODBODY

BRITISH players at Wimbledon provided an unexpected ray of hope in a gloomy sporting summer yesterday as England went predictably to their seventh successive Test defeat. Britons chalked up two rare victories in the men's singles and the All England Club claimed to have comprehensively trounced the ticket touts.

Australia's win at Lord's by an innings and 62 runs put them 2-0 up in the series and puts the Ashes far from England's grasp. It added to a dismal series of recent results which have included defeats for England's football team against Norway and the United States, the British Lions' losses in New Zealand and lacklustre golfing at the US Open.

But cheers for home players rang out at Wimbledon, which saw the tightest security since the tournament began. The odds against an Englishman winning the men's title are 1,000-1. However, Andrew Foster, ranked 332 in the world, defeated Thomas Enqvist, ranked 71 and Wimbledon junior champion in 1991.

The British number seven from Stoke-on-Trent said afterwards: "In the last two or three weeks a lot of the British guys have been knocking off the big names and I have just been waiting for my chance." Another British success was Mark Petchey who defeated Mark Keil of the United States.

The 28,000 spectators were bothered by fewer ticket touts than usual. Faced with threats of prosecution by the police, several went home.

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EC ministers lean on Muslims to negotiate carve-up of Bosnia

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN COPENHAGEN

EC FOREIGN ministers were last night leaning on Bosnian Muslim leaders to negotiate a carve-up of their country with victorious Serbs and Croats.

President Izetbegovic of Bosnia said, after a one hour meeting with British, Danish and Belgian ministers at the EC summit here, that he would return to Sarajevo today to discuss future policy with his colleagues. There were also signs yesterday that Mr Izetbegovic faced a challenge to his leadership, as the Bosnian presidency gathered in Zagreb, the Croatian capital. Fikret Abdic is tipped to replace Mr Izetbegovic if he is deposed.

Members of the presidency, which includes Muslims, Croats and Serbs, were expected to confront Mr Izetbegovic over his leadership style and his opposition to the emerging new peace plan. Mr Abdic, regarded as a moderate Muslim, said in scarcely concealed criticism of the president that nothing should be rejected.

President Izetbegovic had come to Copenhagen to launch an appeal to the international community to lift the United Nations arms embargo on Muslim forces but was again told the EC would not shift its position. Evidently disappointed, Mr Izetbegovic said afterwards that "those who vote in favour of maintaining the arms embargo are practically voting for the capitulation of Bosnia-Herzegovina, agreeing to policies of *fait accompli* and accepting the primacy of force over law in international relations".

The president told EC ministers that his negotiations with the Bosnian parliament would not be easy, but he did not rule out joining talks on the Serb-Croat plan in Geneva. However, he said that no Bosnian leader would join negotiations which were "a cover for aggression, for conquest".

The EC ministers told the Bosnian delegation there could be no partial lifting of an arms embargo. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, asked Mr Izetbegovic whether he considered the price of widened fighting and abandoned UN aid worth paying.

Mr Hurd added that EC policy was still evolving, and the Bosnian leadership would not be put under any pressure to sign any deal they found unacceptable.

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Clinton overwhelmed by 3.5 million letters

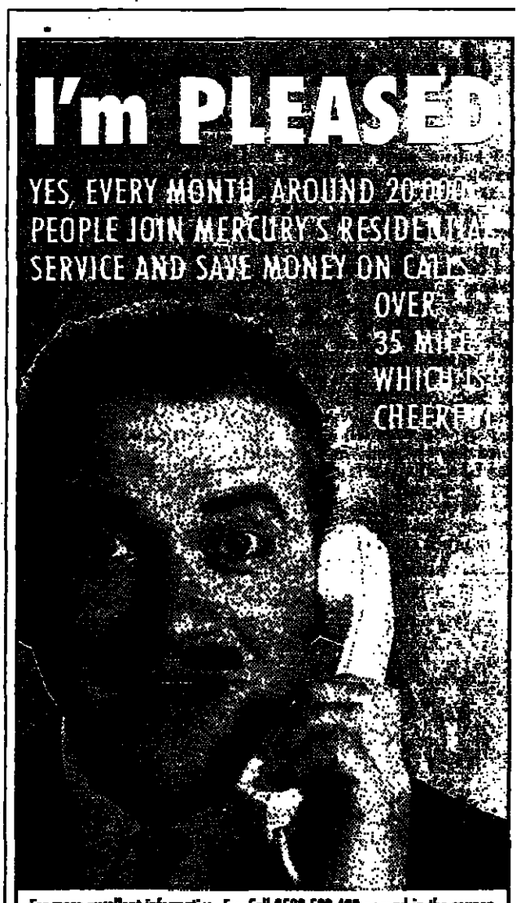
FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

IF YOU are thinking of writing to the White House, spare a thought for President Clinton's post room and think again. He, his wife Hillary, their daughter Chelsea, and their cat Socks have received 3.5 million letters during their first five months in the White House, not to mention nearly 2,000 messages sent daily to Mr Clinton's electronic mailing address.

That is a million more than President Bush received in the whole of last year, and the record of 6.8 million letters sent to President Reagan in 1985 is likely to be shattered with months to spare. Each day another 40,000 letters arrive in overflowing laundry hampers, adding to the mountains of mail swamping the 100 employees and 200 volunteers of the White House correspondence office. There are sackloads of letters cluttering corridors, piling up in corners and filling the basement of the neighbouring Old Executive Office Building. A million have been shipped off for storage at the Washington naval yard. In desperation, the White House is now employing school students at weekends and over the summer holidays to help deal with the deluge.

Some of this unprecedented tidal wave can be explained by Mr Clinton's propensity for stirring controversies — over gays in the military, his haircuts, his nominees to senior positions. One began "Dear Slick" and concluded "May God have mercy on your lying soul." Another opened: "Mr Clinton: I cannot

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Heart attack comes after a series of high-profile setbacks

Political pressure catches up with dynamo Heseltine

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

ALL ministers work under pressure, but for the hyperactive Michael Heseltine, the stress of running the trade and industry department has been intense.

Thwarted in his quest for the Conservative leadership, and too dangerous a political rival to be given the Treasury, Mr Heseltine was, after last year's election, given a job he claimed he had always wanted: heading the DTI.

After resigning as defence secretary over Westland in 1986, Mr Heseltine whirled round the Conservatives' "rubber chicken" circuit, packing in meetings to build up his constituency following. He also set out his vision of government in articles, speeches and two books, including his ideas on Europe and for a revamped industry department.

Mr Heseltine seemed tireless during this frenetic period of his career. Tall and slim, he has always taken good care of his health. He does not smoke, often only has a single glass of wine over lunch and is not particularly interested in eating well. He does not frequent the bars of Westminster.

Mr Heseltine is not a member of any fashionable fitness club but of the Carlton, which is known more for gossip than physical jerks. His main interests are the outdoor pursuits of gardening and bird-watching. He has created a big garden at his Oxford house and he travels the world for bird-watching and swimming.

Julian Critchley, the Conservative MP for Aldershot, and one of Mr Heseltine's oldest friends, said yesterday that he had tremendous physical and mental stamina. "It is an unjust world when someone as apparently physically fit as he is gets hit by the curse of the self-indulgent, which he has certainly never been," Mr Critchley said.

"Such spare time as he has, he spends knocking down walls, planting trees and gardening. His pride and joy is his arboretum, so I would say that physically he keeps very active in what little free time he has.

"Nobody, though, has been under greater pressure, and most people cannot begin to understand the continual drain of nervous energy ministers are required to withstand. Many people find it totally enervating, and it must have some effect even on him. It is a much easier job being prime minister, because you have better staff and rather less to do."

Since arriving at the DTI last year, and reviving the rather grand title of President of the Board of Trade, Mr Heseltine has suffered a number of serious reverses, any one of which would have spelt the political end for lesser ministers. First, the Treasury made clear that whatever Mr Heseltine's ideas for regenerating the DTI, there would be no more money with which to do it. Second, the Treasury achieved a long-held aim of getting rid of the National Economic Development Council — the very body which Mr Heseltine had seen as the key tool for his industrial interventionism.

Slapped back publicly twice, the resilient Mr Heseltine — acknowledged by even his enemies to have an unrivalled ability to bounce back from



Critchley: tribute to Heseltine's stamina

defeat — turned his attentions to the near-moribund DTI. With morale low in the department, Mr Heseltine set about an extensive internal reorganisation, to reflect more closely the practical priorities of British industry — without falling prey to 1970s-style Whitehall shadowing of industrial management.

He has brought in outside business leaders with the aim of introducing to the DTI some real-world industrial experience, especially on the export side of the department's work and despite the Treasury, has set up a NEDC-style mechanism for consulting with industry — though much more informal, and with no trade unions involved.

Last October the heat was turned up on Mr Heseltine after British Coal announced the closure of 31 mines, with the loss of 30,000 miners' jobs — as far as the public was concerned, out of nowhere, even though specialists realised that the ground had been carefully prepared for years.

Hundreds of thousands of people took to the streets in the biggest public protests in Britain for years, and within a week a humiliated Mr Heseltine had to front the government's partial climbdown by announcing a review of the entire coal industry.

Calls for Mr Heseltine's resignation mounted. However, the collapse of a nascent Tory backbench rebellion on coal meant that the white paper produced by the review was enough to save Mr Heseltine's political skin.

Last weekend Mr Heseltine was involved in fresh controversy over the coal industry when it became clear that perhaps as many as six of the 12 pits that Mr Heseltine was supposed to have reprieved in the white paper could close.

Conservative scandals have not passed him by: he is involved, however peripherally, in both the current row over Asil Nadir, and in the arms-for-Iraq affair which is being examined by the Scott inquiry and which many Whitehall insiders regard as a ticking bomb underneath some ministerial careers.

Nor has Mr Heseltine refrained from the general rough-and-tumble of political life, strenously defending the government's role as hundreds of companies have gone to the wall in the recession.

In the past few weeks alone, for instance, he has completed a week-long trade mission to Argentina and Mexico, flying back to London to shepherd 60-odd business leaders on an export-promoting initiative. Last week before flying to Venice he launched a review of Britain's plethora of trade associations, and as well as attending Cabinet and departmental meetings, and addressing conferences.

Before his heart attack, his future programme involved his usual busy round of engagements — everything from the annual conference of the government's Training and Enterprise Councils in Birmingham to opening the headquarters of an Oxfordshire company specialising in coloured concrete paving.

In his airy eleventh-floor office last week, Mr Heseltine told industrial journalists: "I'm not in the headline business. I'm genuinely in the business of long-term institutional change."

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Outdoor man: gardening rather than a fitness club is the Heseltine style

His prognosis is good, despite the recent emotional battering

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

MICHAEL Heseltine has the personality and the political lifestyle that would make him more liable than most MPs to suffer heart disease; but he is likely to make a good recovery, and be fit, should he wish, to continue in public life.

Research carried out over 20 years ago showed that an MP's health is only more vulnerable to heart disease than other people if his or her political life is uncertain. New members, in their first Parliament, when they are unsure of the political rules, and those who sit for marginal seats, are at risk; old hands with good majorities may, seemingly, last for ever.

Mr Heseltine's political fortunes have been uncertain, although he is a long-standing member with a good majority. He has had to survive differences with Baroness Thatcher, face disappointment in the leadership election, and now has had his friendship with Michael Mates questioned.

Contrary to belief, Mr Heseltine is, although ambitious and competitive, a sensitive man, a Celt. Quite apart from the emotional battering he has received over the past two years, he has also worked very hard, with constant travelling, little sleep and irregular meals. There can have been little time for daily exercise.

Having survived the first hour after his attack, he is likely to do well. Over half those who die from a coronary thrombosis do so within the hour. Since the advent of clot-busting drugs — and the Italians have done extensive research on them — only 5 per cent of those under 50 die after a coronary, rising to to 20-30 per cent for those over 75. Mr Heseltine, who is 60, looks young for his years.

Dr Ian Baird, of the British Heart Foundation, says that only very few patients need a bypass after recovering from a coronary thrombosis.

There is every chance Mr Heseltine can, like John Smith, the Labour leader, return to political life after two or three months' rest.

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Naval guide to a Commons outing

Late last night the Commons approved the Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order, 1993. Renewable every year, this gives statutory backing to forces' discipline. It includes provisions for dealing with a group not unknown at Westminster: male homosexuals. The Royal Navy's detailed guidance for officers or ratings who may suspect a colleague, and advice on how to gather evidence and cross-question suspects, has just come into your sketch-writer's hands.

It's an absolute hoot. I ask myself how many of my old MP colleagues would pass these tests — or, indeed, submit to them. They ought to, for the preamble to the guidance explains most persuasively why a group of men and women working closely together in the national interest must weed out these dangerous elements from their own ranks.

Before imposing the regulations on servicemen last night, the House might have looked at their guidelines *(RN IC 2/87)* with a view to their immediate implementation aboard the *HMS Westminster*: for we are dealing, as the notes point out, with men and women who "are required to serve in a wide variety of situations ... at home or overseas, away from familiar surroundings, relations and friends ... [and] subjected to unusual stress, when it is all the more important to retain absolute trust and confidence between [them]". Members of the cabinet will say "hear, hear" to that.

There, and on the government backbenches too, "the potentially divisive influence of homosexual practices or other sexual deviations must be excluded. [Such activities] may also give rise to ... doubt about an individual's fitness to have access to classified information". Golly, imagine giving a minister whose sexuality is in doubt access to classified information. Heaven forbid.

The "haunts" of these people, says the guidance "are generally well known". Ho, hum: we must keep a look out for Tory MPs there. What are the signs? "12. Note the general appearance. Look for feminine gestures, nature of clothing and use of cosmetics, etc." I am blushed to observe that as an investigative strategy, this does leave a slight chance that a few may slip through the net. There is also a danger that we may find ourselves hauling in the Serjeant at Arms, bedecked in his tights, plus a crop of MPs fresh back from the *Newsnight* studios, traces of TV make-up unremoved. The advice to look for homosexuals particularly among "those who are known to have unstable backgrounds" eliminates few MPs, I fear.

Anyway, leaving doubts aside, let us assume that we have rounded up our MP suspects. How shall we examine them? "10. The patient should undress while standing on a white paper sheet." Say he refuses? "16. ... A direct order should be given and, if still refused, an appropriate charge should be made." Oh, and our MP "must not be allowed access to toilet or washing facilities, other than under constant supervision".

There follow descriptions of examinations which are impossible to repeat in a polite newspaper; examinations which would, I can assure the Admiralty and the prime minister, fail to identify about three-quarters of the servicemen, and MPs, we are looking for. Ah well, take heart at least from this: "5. A homosexual act of itself is not life-threatening."

You bet. If it were, Mr Major would have lost his 18-strong majority twice over by now. Happily, they were there in force last night, to vote this measure through.

Family angered by £250 crash death fine

A family was angered by a judge who yesterday fined a drink-driver £250 for causing the death of their daughter and her baby. Judge Binns caused an outcry two weeks ago when he jailed two village vigilantes for five years.

Yesterday at Norwich Crown Court, Judge Binns fined Peter Shepherd, 29, of Enfield, Middlesex, £250 with £100 costs and banned him for two years after he admitted causing the deaths of Tracey Fairhead, 27, of Ely, Cambridgeshire, and her baby Madison, ten months, by careless driving when over the legal alcohol limit. Miss Fairhead's stepfather Kenneth Boyd, 45, said: "The fine is ridiculous for the death of our daughter and her baby."

Councillor found dead

Richard Stephenson, 42, leader of the Conservative group on the borough council at Slough, Berkshire, has been found dead in his car. He had been involved in an investigation over missing cash at a local club and had recently been divorced. A fire had disrupted his business.

Hospital for kidnapper

A Frenchman who admitted trying force Elizabeth Lamplugh, 22, sister of the missing estate agent Suzie Lamplugh, into her car so he could commit suicide in a crash was sent to a mental hospital. Warwick Crown Court committed Anthony Bourgois, 21, indefinitely.

Fired nurse stays away

Graham Pink, 63, a nurse at Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport, Greater Manchester, who is to receive £11,188 for unfair dismissal after complaining about conditions on geriatric wards, is unable to bring himself to seek his job back, his counsel told a resumed tribunal in Manchester.

Labour may repay Maxwell donation amid Nadir row

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour party is reconsidering paying back the £31,000 it received from the late Robert Maxwell, it emerged yesterday.

Until now, party officials have defended the donation, claiming it was given by an individual, was publicly declared at a Labour party conference and occurred before it was known that he had removed more than £400 million from company pension funds. Further donations offered by Mr Maxwell were turned down by Neil Kinnock when he was Labour leader, a party source said.

No steps would be taken until the Conservative party had returned the £440,000 it had received from Asil Nadir, a senior Labour official said. However, he recognised that the Labour party was facing a similar situation, in that it had later emerged that Mr Maxwell was a crook.

During today's debate on political funding, Robin Cook, shadow trade and industry spokesman, will be put under pressure from the government to justify the donations from Mr Maxwell. Sir Norman Fowler, Conservative party chairman, is expected to raise the issue.

Mr Cook will call on the Tory party to pay back the £440,000 to Polly Peck immediately and will press for the resignation of Michael Mates, the Northern Ireland minister. He will also say that party rules on political funding should be changed.

Latest figures published by the Labour party show that it was £2.89 million in deficit in 1991-2, although officials say the financial position has improved since then.

☐ The Liberal Democratic party yesterday called for state funding for political parties. It told the Home Affairs Select Committee's enquiry into political funding that state funding should be broadly related to votes gained in the previous election.

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Tory MPs join call for public disclosure of party funding

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from the back benches, is likely to attack Labour over its trade union cash lifeline and the late Robert Maxwell's gift of £31,000 in 1986 which, like Mr Nadir's £440,000, has not been repaid.

Senior Tory party sources insisted that company donations should be declared by the firms concerned and the party was not prepared to wait for up to 16 months and the publication of their accounts before spending the money. Meanwhile, individuals should be guaranteed privacy when they gave money.

Mr Critchley offered the strongest criticism of Central Office's secrecy. Speaking on BBC radio, he said: "We should make certain that our annual accounts are published and include every donation above £2,000 with the name of its source."

At present, companies are under a legal duty to declare donations but private individuals are not. Central Office gives no details of either kind of contribution. Trade unions have to declare their payments to Labour, but the party treats private donations as confidential.

Mr Critchley also urged an end to the party accepting cash from foreign businessmen. He said it would be a "good thing" if the party went "a little bit further and saying we would not accept monies from foreign gentlemen whose cultural aspirations are probably rather different from our own".

Tory MPs inclined to keeping the existing system, saying that full disclosure could deter local businessmen from making small donations essential to the running of local parties.

David Willetts, PPS to Norman Fowler said: "Individuals should be free to give money to political parties anonymously. We are in danger of going down the slippery slope of state funding for political parties."

Other MPs said that the funding should be made much more transparent and should be an "open book". However, many MPs were reluctant to publicise private donations.

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Youth who served six months was 'entirely innocent'

BY IAN MURRAY

Flawed evidence from a short-sighted witness and failure to produce an alibi cost a schoolboy half a year of freedom

A SIXTEEN-year-old schoolboy yesterday won the fight to clear his name after mistakes by his solicitor, the police and a trial judge had condemned him to six months behind bars for a crime he did not commit.

Three judges in the Appeal Court quashed the conviction against Ivan Fergus, of Peckham, south London, for assault with intent to rob after the Crown conceded that the case against him could not stand.

Lord Justice Steyn said: "Ivan Fergus may leave this court knowing that not only his conviction was inside and unsatisfactory, but that it is our judgment that the case against him was a wholly false one and he is entirely innocent."

Mr Fergus was sentenced to 15 months youth custody in January last year at Inner London Crown Court but was released on bail in July pending the appeal.

Ben Emmerson, his counsel, told the Appeal Court that he had been convicted solely on the identification evidence of a short-sighted bank clerk, Andrew Maloney, 17. Even his description of the person who had threatened him with a knife to the throat and, then stabbed him in the leg in April 1991 was totally different to Mr Fergus.

Mr Maloney had said his attacker was 5ft 11in, four inches taller than Mr Fergus was at the time. He had said the man with the knife was 17- to 18-years-old and had a light brown complexion, while Mr Fergus was much younger and is an Afro-Caribbean. He had said his attacker had stubble on his chin and zig-zag patterns cut in his hair, whereas Mr Fergus was baby-faced and had a regular haircut.

A photograph of Mr Fergus when he was arrested, aged 13, would have highlighted all these inconsistencies, but police had failed to show it to the jury.

Mr Emmerson said that although Mr Fergus had an alibi — he was with three school friends several miles from the scene of the crime — his defence solicitor had not called any of them to give evidence when he went on trial in November 1991. Nor had Mr Fergus's mother, Nellie, been called to say that he did not own any clothes like those described by the victim.

The solicitors, Toppin and Co, of New Cross, south London had since been suspended from practice.

Mr Emerson also said police had failed to investigate the alibi at the start, although they had been urged to do so by the Crown Prosecution Service, and they made no attempt to contact Mr Fergus's uncle, who could have given evidence to prove that the boy did not have a zig-zag haircut.

Mr Emmerson also said that Judge Peter Rountree, the trial judge, had failed to warn the jury that it was dangerous to convict on identification evidence alone and did not properly summarise the defence case.

Lord Justice Steyn said that the case should have been withdrawn from the jury because the identification evidence was so weak. The judge's summing up amounted to "material irregularity".

The appeal judges were also concerned about the initial failure of police to show the photograph, while the arresting officer's crime report containing the victim's description was not sent to the Crown Prosecution Service.

After he was cleared, Mr Fergus said that being locked up for six months in the secure unit at Orchard Lodge in south London had been a nightmare. "I still can't sleep properly and it has affected my schoolwork." He said that a teacher from his school had given him regular lessons.

Sports-lovers flock to the heavily-fortified gates of tennis's Mecca



DES JENSON

Championship checkpoint: queuing fans face bag and body searches

Wimbledon begins amid tight security and curbs on touts

BY JOHN GOODBODY

THE 107th Wimbledon championships began yesterday amid unprecedented security and measures to curb the activities of ticket touts.

After the stabbing two months ago of Monica Seles, the world's top ranked woman player, and the continuing threat from the IRA, spectators were subjected to baggage checks and body-frisking on entering the All England Club while video cameras swept the stands and concourses.

The players' chairs on the 18 courts were placed closer to the umpire and turned to face the back of the court. When Seles was attacked in Hamburg, Germany, while resting between games, she was facing away from the spectators, one of whom leapt out and plunged a knife into her back. However, about half the players moved their seats to their usual position.

Guides for evacuation from the club were distributed to the media. Chief Inspector Des Wyke, leading the police security operation, said an emergency requiring evacuation would be a "complete nightmare" because 40,000 people would have to be moved quickly out of a restricted area.

The police also warned 37 ticket touts about the regulations affecting them. Chief Insp Wyke explained to them that they were liable to prosecution under the Local Authorities Acts dealing with unlicensed trading. Merton council had refused to grant any licensing in the streets surrounding the club. Although touts were able to operate near Southfields station in Wandsworth, police were arresting them for obstructing the highway.

Chief Insp Wyke said the touts were resentful of the attitude of the club because they were operating a legitimate business. Guards have asked people trading in the car parks belonging to the club to leave. The club has also said that it would take out injunctions against persistent offenders. One tout said: "There were hundreds of us a few years ago. This year, we're down to about 50."

In March, the Office of Fair Trading cleared the All England Club of practising unfair trading. Mike Burton, former England rugby union prop forward, now in corporate hospitality, had claimed the club was guilty of restrictive practice in attempting to dominate the secondary market in tickets.

The club has told spectators that if they buy seats from touts they risk being stopped on entry and having their tickets confiscated.

Christopher Gorringe, the club's chief executive, said: "Our conditions have been introduced to ensure that tennis-loving members of the public can get tickets at a price they can afford. The black market encourages application for Wimbledon tickets as a form of currency, redirecting tickets intended for genuine spectators to the highest bidder."



Agassi: still thrilling his teenage fans

On court, Andre Agassi, the defending men's title holder, seemed to have lost none of his appeal to his teenage fans. Despite speculation that he was less trim than last year, having abandoned his navel-exposing sportswear for a more conventional shirt, his arrival on centre court was greeted with screams of delight.

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Man gunned down in London street

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A MAN was shot dead on a busy London street in broad daylight yesterday by two motorcyclists. One of them fired a silver handgun before speeding off.

Police sealed off the A4 in an attempt to catch the killers, who launched their attack just after 3pm outside a McDonald's restaurant in Bath Road, West Drayton.

The point-blank shooting, believed to have been carried out by the pillion passenger, recalled the murder in central London earlier this year of the property tycoon Donald Urquhart by a motorcyclist who dismounted and shot the businessman three times in the head.

At the weekend Paul Condon, the Metropolitan police commissioner, gave a warning that the rise in armed crime would lead to the routine arming of officers on the beat by the turn of the century. Gangland shootings have increased by 50 per cent between 1988 and 1991 and in some parts of London there is a rate of one shooting a day.

Yesterday police were unable to say why the murdered man, who was white and believed to be in his fifties, had been singled out for attack.

Last night police were trying to identify the victim and inform next of kin. They said they were looking for two suspects on a red Suzuki motorcycle thought to have made off along the A4. The man in control was dressed in a full-length motorcycle suit with red chevrons across the chest.

Sams arrested after ex-wife heard voice on Crimewatch

BY PAUL WILKINSON

MICHAEL Sams' first wife gave detectives hunting the kidnapper of Stephanie Slater their first big breakthrough after hearing his voice on BBC television's *Crimewatch*, his trial at Nottingham Crown Court heard yesterday.

Susan Oake told police she recognised her ex-husband's voice on a recording made as the Birmingham estate agent's kidnapper gave instructions to the courier carrying her £175,000 ransom.

The tape was broadcast on February 20 last year, four weeks after the release of Miss Slater who was held captive for seven days. Less than 12 hours after Mrs Oake contacted police, officers were calling at Sams' workshop in Newark, Nottinghamshire, and he had admitted carrying out the kidnap.

Sams, 51, from Sutton on Trent, Nottinghamshire, admits kidnapping Miss Slater on January 20 last year and blackmailing her employers for a £175,000 ransom. He denies the kidnap and murder of Julie Dart, 18, a Leeds prostitute, in July 1991, and demanding a ransom for her release of £140,000 from West Yorkshire police. He also denies blackmailing British Rail for £200,000 with a threat to derail an express train.

Mrs Oake, from Keighley, West Yorkshire, married Sams in July 1964 and they were divorced in 1977. They have two grown-up sons. Her brief appearance in court was the first time her ex-husband had seen her since she informed on him. Although he watched her throughout her evidence, she never once looked towards his place in the dock.

Later, answering a question from John Milmo QC, for the defence, Tim Grogan, a West Yorkshire detective, agreed that her call late on the night of the *Crimewatch* programme was the breakthrough they had all been looking for.



Susan Oake: never looked towards dock

By 11am next morning, he and three other officers from the enquiry team had called at Sams's home. He was not in and to avoid arousing the suspicions of his wife Teena they said they were making general enquiries about cars and left, saying they would return that night. They drove immediately to his workshop a few miles away, fearful that she might alert Sams by telephone.

Det Sgt Grogan admitted they had to stop en route to ask directions but denied suggestions that they had touched speeds of 85 mph to reach the workshop. He also denied arresting a man with a limp they had seen on the street, believing he was Sams.

At the workshop Sams was cautioned and replied: "You have got the wrong man, you are making a big mistake."

Shortly afterwards, at Newark police station, he said: "I kidnapped Stephanie Slater but I did not murder Julie Dart. You will find £19,000 [of the ransom] at the workshop, with my confession."

Later Sams admitted: "I promised Stephanie I would let her go home, and she did."

The hearing was adjourned until today.

Gay groups meet Yard detectives

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

GAY groups yesterday met senior Scotland Yard officers hunting the killer of five men, and police again appealed for the murderer to contact them.

The meeting took place as a pathologist carried out a second examination of the bodies of four of the gay men killed in their homes in London.

Dr Iain West, head of forensic pathology at Guy's hospital, London, did a second post mortem on the body of Peter Walker, 45, Perry Bradley, 35, Andrew Collier, 33, and Emanuel Saiteri, 42. Christopher Dunn, the fifth victim, has been cremated.

All five were strangled or suffocated at their homes, which were visited at the weekend by Dr West in a search for further clues. He will be the first pathologist to compare medical evidence from the different killings; earlier post mortems were carried out by separate pathologists because the deaths occurred in different areas of London.

The police meeting with gay activists included representatives from the Gay and Lesbian Policing Organisation and the gay media. Det Chief Supt Ken John, who is co-ordinating the investigation, urged them to continue supporting the police and warned them of the need for homosexuals to be cautious with new partners.

Warden quits over 'too tidy' graveyard

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A CHURCHWARDEN has resigned because he was told his graveyard was too tidy. The departure of Reg Canning, 70, from St Mary and St Milburgh in the village of Offenham, Hereford and Worcester, comes amid a national debate about the role of churchyards in wildlife conservation.

With a team of unpaid volunteers, Mr Canning transformed the overgrown churchyard and won a county tidy churchyard contest. But in its latest report, the diocesan advisory committee for the care of churches said: "Perhaps the yard is too tidy, too ordered for a rural churchyard."

Mr Canning said: "I shan't be doing the churchyard again. I couldn't after what has happened. If that's all the thanks I get for 24 years of dedicated hard work then I think the time has come to call it a day.

"The committee's remarks are almost laughable, but it's just left me hurt and sad. It was a labour of love and I was very proud of it, but it's over now. What a way to end 24 years of dedication."

Tony Higgs, the Worcester diocese's assistant properties secretary, said: "We did comment that we felt the churchyard was too tidy. In a rural setting the warden should encourage wild flowers and wildlife. It was nicely laid out, but not in a way you would expect in a rural churchyard.

"There is a national debate going on about how a churchyard should be managed. If you have them closely mown, like an urban cemetery run by the local authority, it does not allow flora and fauna to inhabit the churchyard."

The Bishop of Oxford, the Right Rev Richard Harries, is heading a move to create wildlife havens in churchyards. The diocese has joined its local wildlife trust to launch the churchyard care and wildlife conservation project.

Bishop Harries wants vicars and parishioners to defend churchyards and manage them "with wildlife conservation in mind".

He said that churchyards in towns could be rare wildlife havens, while in rural areas they were often unaffected by pesticides and by modern farming practices.

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Sixth formers defy headmistress over popular teacher's dismissal



Quiet protest: upper sixth students pledge their backing for Jenne Davies whose appeal, they fear, will be held during the holidays

Exclusive girls' school plays down pupils' revolt

By Lin Jenkins

SIXTH formers at an exclusive girls' school, not normally noted for insurrection against authority, have gone on strike to back a popular house mistress in her fight against dismissal.

The girls at Royal School in Bath, Avon, yesterday refused to supervise study by younger girls at the 300-pupil school or carry out lunch duty in defiance of their headmistress, Dr Judith McClure, a former nun.

Those in the upper sixth, taking a break from revision, sat outside the school in the morning as a way of pledging their support. But at lunchtime, the school routine appeared largely unaffected by the revolt.

The school played down the disruption. Those enquiring about the dispute were given the curt reply: "The school is as normal." The 40-odd sixth formers at the £10,000-a-year school are also considering disrupting the end-of-year ball on July 6, due to be attended by their patron, the Duchess of Gloucester. They believe that an appeal by the teacher, Jenne Davies, will be heard during the summer holidays, when they will be unable to give evidence.

The girls believe she was dismissed over an 18-year-old Chinese boarder spending a night away from school. Friends of the girl assured Mrs Davies, their housemistress and German teacher, that she was staying with a day girl. Mrs Davies telephoned the home, leaving a message ordering the girl to return the following day.

Mrs Davies was sacked, allegedly for failing to inform the headmistress of the boarder's overnight absence. She is appealing to General Sir Robert Pascoe, chairman of the governors. The girls have written to the governors supporting Mrs Davies. One said: "We are brought up to hold views, so they can't be surprised if we choose to make them known."

Dr McClure yesterday confirmed she had terminated the contract of a member of staff but would not comment for risk of jeopardising the appeal.

Censors set dinosaurs loose on small children

By Alison Roberts
Arts Reporter

■ As if the hype was not enough, the film Board has given *Jurassic Park* an extra publicity boost with a PG rating

STEVEN Spielberg's much-awaited film in the vanguard of summer dinosaur mania, *Jurassic Park*, is to be shown in Britain under a PG certificate accompanied by a special notice warning that some scenes may upset young or sensitive children.

The British Board of Film Classification said the rider had been issued "because the film is an intensely exciting experience" and was intended to remind parents of the meaning of a PG certificate. Such a warning has been issued only once before, when the shark film *Jaws*, also directed by Spielberg, opened in 1975.

Although the notice must be carried on all *Jurassic Park* posters and publicity material, the ruling has delighted the film's distributors, Universal Pictures.

Sophisticated special effects make gory parts of the film highly realistic and a 12 rating, restricting the film to 12-year-olds and over, was considered.

In the US, *Jurassic Park* has been given a PG 13 rating so that under-13s must be accompanied by an adult, but the British classification allows all children to watch the film on their own. Advertisements for the film were being updated yesterday to include the new warning.

Before making its decision, the board showed the film to 200 children aged between eight and 11 from three London primary schools.

"The majority reported that they had enjoyed the film immensely and no ill-effects have been reported from schools or parents," a board spokesman said.

But some children claimed that they had to cover their eyes at times. Simon Warbey, 12, who accompanied his eight-year-old brother to the preview, said: "I found it scarier than films such as *Jaws* because you could really see the gore in it."

Mr Spielberg has said that his four children, all aged under eight, would not be allowed to see the film because it is too "intense".

The film features dinosaurs recreated from DNA fragments by the mad billionaire proprietor of a prehistoric theme park played by Sir Richard Attenborough.

The creatures cause havoc in the park and eat the wardens; in one scene a Tyrannosaurus Rex is seen devouring a victim and human limbs parts are scattered across the screen.

The film is likely to attract huge numbers of children, gripped by this year's dinosaur craze. The mania is expected to peak when *Jurassic Park* opens. The Princess of Wales will attend a gala premiere on July 15 at the Empire cinema in Leicester Square, London.

The film opened in America just over a week ago and took £32 million at the box office in its first weekend. It is expected to make at least £10 million in Britain, and some film industry sources predict it will smash the current record of £23 million taken by *Ghost* during its UK run.

Ken Green, director of marketing at Universal Pictures, said: "It is impossible to estimate how much this film will make. In America we are already at the stage where all previous record books are being thrown away; the level of interest is quite extraordinary."

Jurassic Park merchandise will boost the film's profits. A monster spin-off trade will fuel the craze with *Jurassic Park* hamburgers, breakfast cereals, pyjamas, underwear, toys, magazines and other souvenirs.



Spielberg: too intense for his own children

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Radio 1 to change its tune

By Alexandra Frean
Media Correspondent

LESS than three months after losing its national pop music monopoly, BBC Radio 1 is seeking to rejuvenate its image by replacing its controller with a younger person from outside the corporation.

Johnny Beerling, who produced the first programme broadcast on Radio 1 in 1967, yesterday announced his decision to give up the controllership of Radio 1, eight years after taking up the post.

Mr Beerling, 56, the BBC's longest-serving programme controller, said: "I believe the time is right for someone fresh to take One FM forward into the next 25 years."

Although too early to tell whether it has lost listeners to Virgin Radio, Richard Branson's new national rock station, launched in April, there is no doubt that Radio 1 is in decline. Its peak audience of 27 million in the mid-1970s has shrunk to a weekly total of 19 million, with independent radio threatening to take an even larger share.

Favourites to succeed Mr Beerling from within the BBC are Christopher Lycett, his deputy, and Paul Robinson, Radio 1's editor of mainstream programmes.

Pressure grows to move News at Ten

By Alexandra Frean, Media Correspondent

INDEPENDENT television's flagship news programme, *News at Ten*, should be moved to 7pm or 10.30pm to make way for more full length feature films and dramas, leading figures in ITV said yesterday.

The move was discussed at a three-day programme strategy conference in Birmingham attended by executives from all 15 ITV companies. They believe it is vital to help them woo advertisers and win the ratings war with the BBC and Channel 4.

They say that *News at Ten's* current 10pm-10.30pm slot forces them to split up adult dramas or to show them too late for the liking of most viewers. The network had to split programmes such as the critically acclaimed detective drama *Prime Suspect*, showing half before the news and half after.

The move is of critical importance to ITV companies, who earn more than 70 per cent of their advertising revenue in peak time, between 6pm and 10.30pm. But the network has limited room for manoeuvre in rescheduling the programme, which regularly commands audiences of 9.9 million, many in the ABC socio-economic category favoured by advertisers.

A spokesman for ITN said: "Clearly, moving a programme that has occupied the same familiar slot for 26 years and which regularly outperforms BBC 1's *Nine O'Clock News* would be a difficult and potentially financially hazardous decision."

Hopes of moving the news to the broadcasters' preferred slot of 11pm would be blocked by the Independent Television Commission, which licenses and regulates ITV companies and which obliges them to screen the national news bulletin in peak time before 10.30pm.

One ITV executive ruled out a move to 8pm, as that would still mean feature films finishing too late. He said: "One possibility would be to move *News at Ten* to 7pm and let *Coronation Street* follow after. That way we would secure viewer loyalty for the entire evening."

ITN would not lose any money if the change was forced through, because it has a five-year contract to supply news to ITV, ending in 1997.

A spokesman for the ITV network said that the issue was "under constant review".

Marketing men grapple with the elusive Euro-consumer

By Nicholas Watt

EUROPEAN ways of life are as diverse as ever with varying divorce rates, spending patterns and commuting habits, a survey concluded yesterday.

Businesses will struggle to find the "Euro-consumer" and advertisers still have to tailor their campaigns to individual countries, according to *European Lifestyles 1993*, published by Mintel.

Italians may set Europe's sartorial standards, but Britain leads the field in underwear, the survey found. The British spend just 5.6 per cent of their household budget on clothing and footwear, compared with 10 per cent in Italy, but the UK was the only country where people shop more regularly for under garments than for other clothes.

The survey, which looked at the ways of life and spending habits of adults in Britain, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands and Spain, also found that the British spent one of the smallest amounts on food, drink and tobacco. The British spend 16.6 per cent on food and drink compared with 21.5 per cent in Belgium.

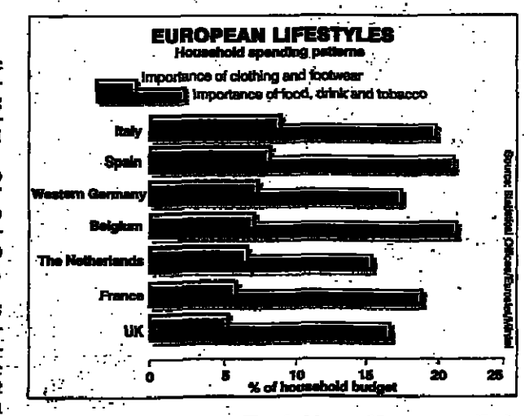
Mintel concluded from the varying spending patterns that a "Euro-consumer" will not emerge for some time.

Anyone in marketing wanting to launch a pan-European campaign "will be well advised to think globally, but act locally, when it comes to advertising or launching a new product in a 'unified' Europe", the survey said.

Britain has the highest divorce rate of the countries surveyed. For every 2.3 marriages there was one divorce. Spain, where divorce only became legal in 1981, was bottom of the table with 9.6 marriages for every divorce.

Britain also has the highest number of two-person households, at 35 per cent. Each country surveyed has populations that are virtually static or declining in size, with an increase in the average age. Between 1982 and 1997 the number of people under 25 will have fallen by 17 million; those over 25 will have increased by 28 million.

Women are having their first child later, at an average of 26.3 years in Spain and 29.2 in The Netherlands. The survey attributes this to greater use of birth control, delayed marriages, increased numbers of working women and the expense of bringing up children.



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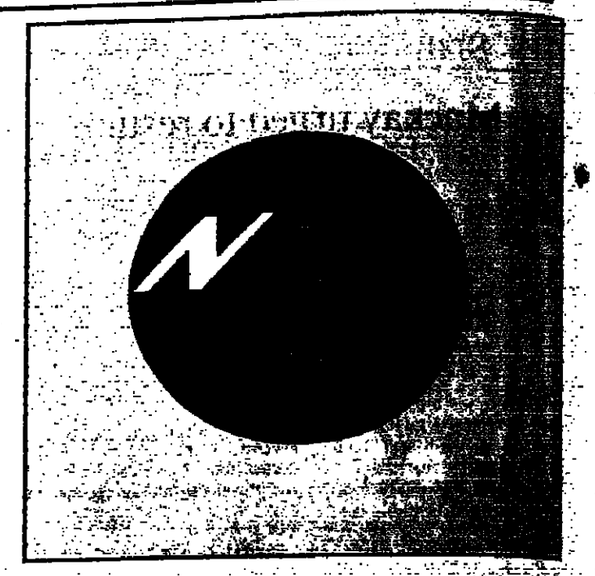
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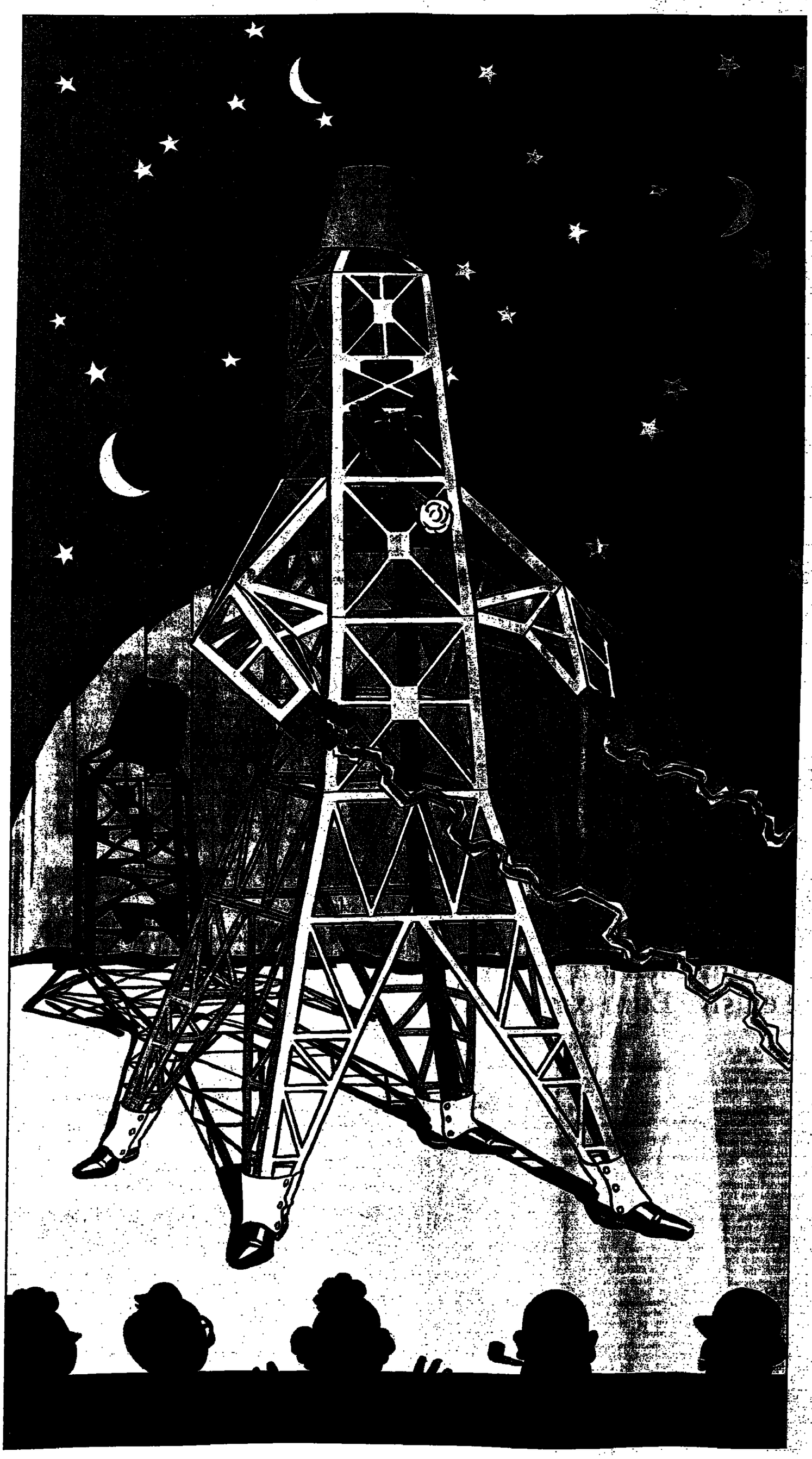
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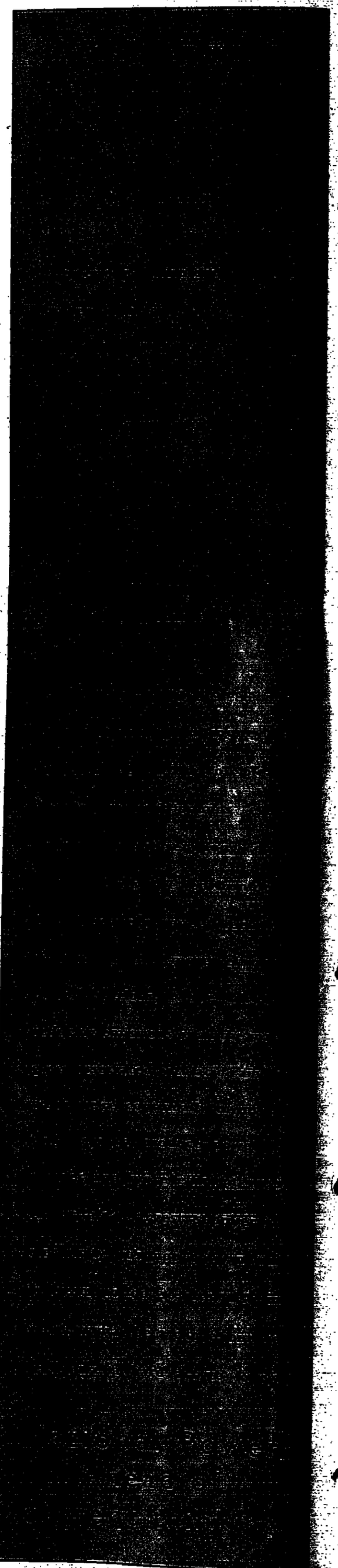
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Mackay urged to resume dialogue with Law Society

Judges rule cutbacks in legal aid were lawful

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

SOLICITORS in England and Wales lost their legal battle yesterday to force the Lord Chancellor to withdraw cuts in legal aid which effectively restrict access to justice for millions of people.

Two High Court judges rejected a challenge by the Law Society, the solicitors' professional body, and ruled that Lord Mackay of Clashfern had acted lawfully.

Lord Justice Neill and Mr Justice Mantell said, however, that the Lord Chancellor had wrongly taken the view "in this unhappy case" that the society, which represents 59,000 solicitors, did not have "sufficient interest" to bring the challenge.

It had "unrivalled knowledge and experience of what access to justice means in practice", Lord Justice Neill said. "It is therefore to be hoped that a satisfactory dialogue can be resumed in the near future."

After the ruling, the Law Society pledged to seek a reversal of the cuts through persuasion. Mark Sheldon, the president, said the society was "naturally disappointed" that the court had upheld the regulations, which came into force at Easter, and added: "It is already clear that the legal aid cuts are causing real hardship."

He said the society was heartened by "the emphasis the court placed on the need for proper consultation with the Law Society before such significant decisions are taken. Our task now is to work to persuade him to reverse them as soon as possible, so that legal aid can once again serve its purpose of enabling all those unable to afford legal advice and representation to have access to justice."



Sheldon: will now try tactics of persuasion

The solicitors had sought a declaration that Lord Mackay acted outside his powers when he introduced the package of cuts "denying millions access to justice". They argued that the cuts were unlawful under the Legal Aid Act 1988 and should be quashed as they were inconsistent with the purpose of legal aid.

Lord Justice Neill said: "It is clearly unfortunate that these restrictions have had to be introduced, but the evidence shows that a very large number of people will remain eligible for free help and that many more can be helped on a contributory basis."

Lord Justice Neill concluded that the Lord Chancellor had been under no duty to consult the society before the cuts were announced.

Mr Justice Mantell said he thought there was a duty to consult "once it became apparent that economies of some kind would have to be made, even though the precise financial constraints were unknown". However, he agreed that it would be wrong to quash the regulations.

Both judges rejected the Lord Chancellor's argument that the society lacked "sufficient interest" to be consulted. Lord Justice Neill said: "It is difficult to imagine a body of persons which has a greater interest in the proper and fair working of legal aid."

As the society won its argument on the right to bring the action, the court ordered it to pay only 75 per cent of the estimated legal costs.



Brushing up: a workman delicately cleans an elaborate ceiling dating from about 1750 that has been hidden for 40 years at Fulham Palace, London. The ceiling, in the former residence of the Bishop of London, has been uncovered during development of the palace, which opened as a museum last year

Curbs sought on right to silence

By Our Legal Correspondent

CURBS to a defendant's right to silence could be included in the package of changes to the criminal justice bill which are being prepared by ministers for the next session of Parliament.

The Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, which reports on July 6, is expected to recommend that defendants be required to disclose their defence at the point before their trial when they know the prosecution case against them.

Kenneth Clarke, the previous home secretary, made no secret of his wish to curb the right to silence as he wanted to be seen to be taking tough action in the field of law and order.

Michael Howard, his successor, has not disclosed his views publicly, but he is likely to select certain of the royal commission's recommendations which can be enacted quickly, and which will find favour with the Tory right wing.

A government statement of intent on the royal commission would tie in neatly with the Conservative party conference in the autumn.

A second recommendation likely to find favour with Mr Howard would be the setting up of an independent tribunal to take the responsibility for investigating any alleged miscarriages of justice away from the Home Office.

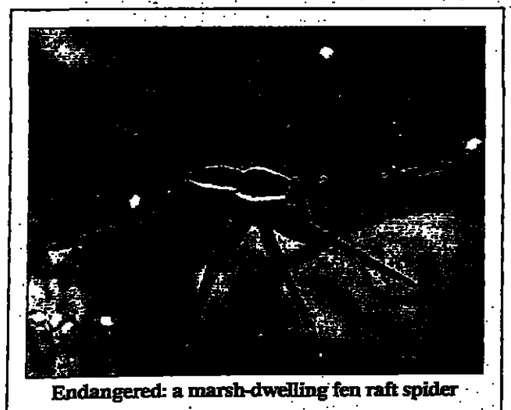
Proposals such as a formalised system of plea-bargaining, or sentence discounts for guilty pleas, and the removal of the defendant's right to elect jury trial, are less likely to be taken on board as swiftly.

The aim of the proposals to curb a defendant's right to silence is to end the so-called ambush defence. This is the tactic in which an accused person stays silent throughout an investigation and then springs a defence for the first time during his trial.

The royal commission is not considering tampering in any way with rights of a suspect to refuse to answer police questions or to remain silent when he is in the dock.

Research carried out for the royal commission found that the right to silence may have hampered the conviction of guilty people in two or three per cent of cases. The change has the strong support of both police and law enforcement departments.

Mr Howard has already put himself firmly behind amendments announced by Mr Clarke to the current criminal justice bill on the widely-criticised means-related fines system. He also wants to see changes to the sentencing powers of courts.



Endangered: a marsh-dwelling fen raft spider

Fen becomes reserve to protect rare spider

By Michael Hornsby

A STRETCH of East Anglian marshland is to be declared a national nature reserve in an attempt to promote the recovery of one of Britain's most endangered species, the fen raft spider.

The Redgrave and Lopham Fen, which straddles the Suffolk-Norfolk border near Diss, is one of only two places in Britain where the spider, *Dolomedes fimbriatus*, is known to exist. The other site is on the Pevensey Levels in East Sussex.

Lord Cranbrook, the chairman of English Nature, the government's chief conservation agency, will bestow reserve status on the fen at a ceremony on the site on Thursday attended by 100 guests.

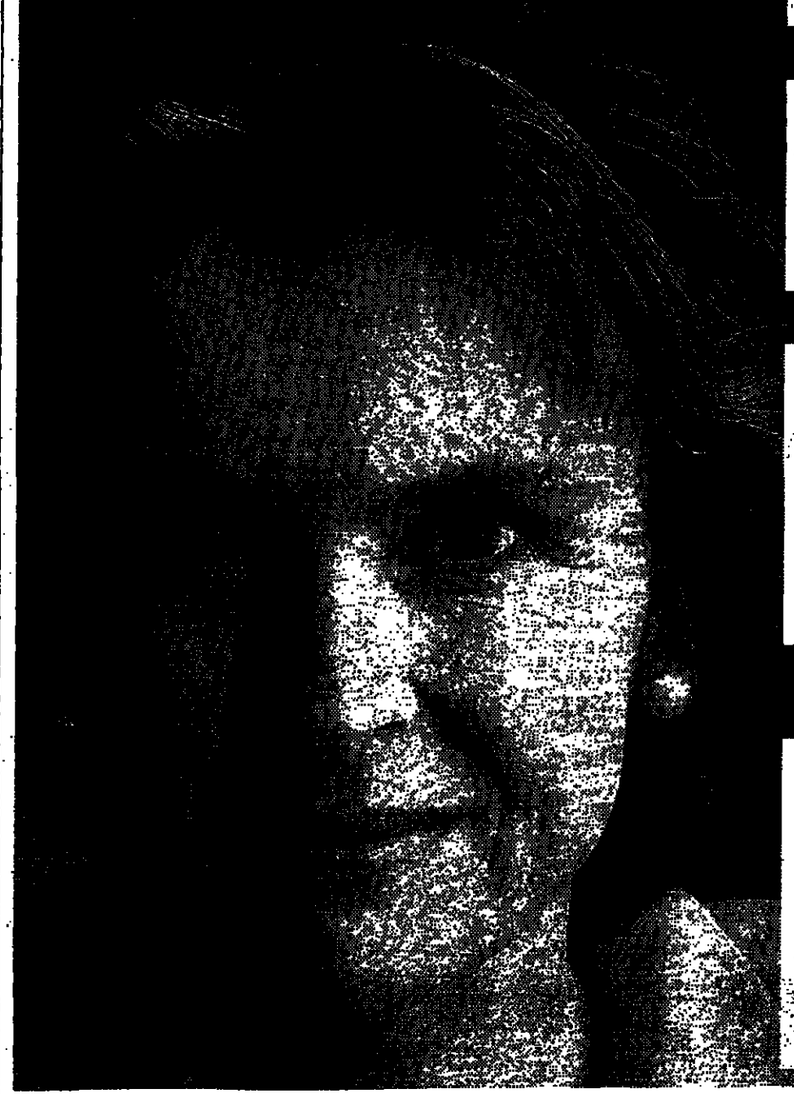
The Redgrave and Lopham Fen is the last patch of a once-extensive network of fens in the valleys of the Waveney and Little Ouse rivers. The fen has been slowly drying out because of abstraction of water by a borehole for agricultural and industrial use.

Martin Drake, an ecologist at the agency who specialises in invertebrates, said: "The fen raft spider was first discovered on the fen in 1956. The spider is probably the biggest in Britain, with a body length of an inch and a leg span of three inches. It likes to sit on the water surface and its numbers have been hit by the drying of the fen. There may be only 100 adults left at the site."

English Nature hopes to secure a grant of £1.5 million from the European Commission to raise the water table in the fen by resiting the borehole. The Suffolk Wildlife Trust and the Suffolk Water Company have been working together to maintain a supply of dechlorinated water to the pools where the spider breeds, but this has not been enough to prevent its decline.

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Royal officials prepare for 7,000 visitors a day after August opening

Timed tickets will help foil palace touts

BY ALAN HAMILTON

BUCKINGHAM Palace yesterday unveiled its plans to foil the ticket touts when the most eagerly awaited tourist attraction in London opens to the public for 55 days in August.

On-the-day tickets for the queuing public will be subject to a time slot and they will be restricted to one per purchaser. The palace is preparing to admit 7,000 visitors a day to tour its magnificent Nash state rooms.

More than 40,000 group places have been sold in advance to the travel trade and to private parties and clubs; some are said to be changing hands at grossly inflated prices, particularly in America.

Edward Hewlett, managing director of Royal Collection Enterprises, the newly-formed commercial arm of the Queen's art collection charged with managing the palace opening, admitted yesterday that there had been "misunderstandings" within the travel industry about the resale of places, correctly priced at £8 a head, on group tours. He conceded, however, that there was little the palace could do about it.

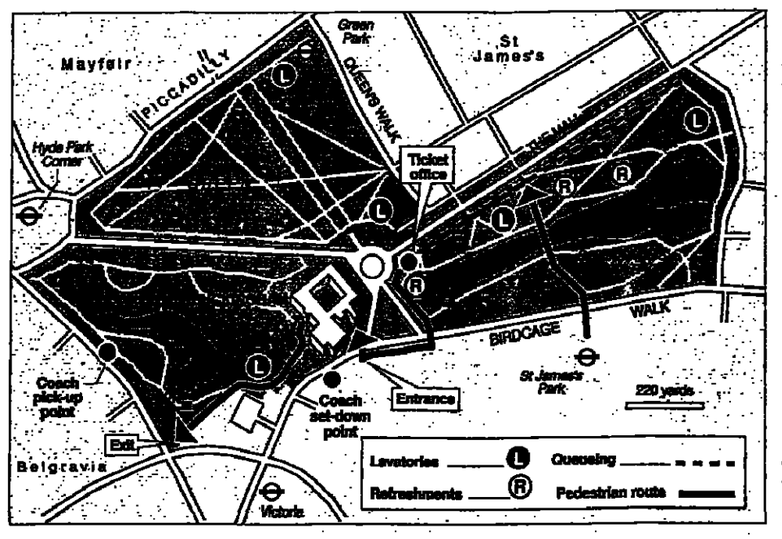
Michael Peat, director of finance for the royal household, said that leaders of pre-booked tours would have to bring proof of their original booking, and they would not be given their tickets until they arrived. "The tour operator is allowed to sell the places on the party. We cannot regulate that. We just hope they sell them at reasonable prices."

For the majority, queueing will be essential. A ticket office has been set up in St James's Park, at the bottom of The Mall, to keep the queues away from the palace itself. A system of timed tickets, a method which operates successfully at the White House in Washington, is being introduced.

Tickets will be sold in strict chronological sequence and will be for a specified 15-minute entry slot throughout the day. Anyone who turns up later than the time stated on their ticket is likely to be refused admission. Only one ticket per purchaser will be issued, whether for an individual or a family of six.



Peat: group bookings will require proof



Mr Hewlett said both measures were intended to defeat touts. "The Royal Parks regulations forbid trading, and the Royal Parks police will uphold that."

Admissions will run in 15-minute segments from 9.30am to 4.30pm every day from August 7. The ticket office will open at 9am, by which time substantial queues are already likely to have formed. Officials believe the entire day's allocation will have been sold by lunch time or early afternoon, allowing the disappointed to disperse and re-form at dawn the next day.

Having acquired their tickets, visitors will be able to wait in the relative comfort, but minimal shelter, of St James's Park, where there are toilets and refreshment facilities. An extra toilet is being installed in the palace garden, in case the tour, expected to last between one and one and a half hours, proves a longer and more testing experience. Those waiting for long periods will be encouraged to pay extra to visit the two other public attractions, the Queen's Gallery and the Royal Mews.

Once inside the palace, ticket holders will be able to tour the apartments in their own time, armed with a £2 guidebook in six languages. There will be no human guides, and no officious attendants trying to speed up the procession. "We want to avoid a crocodile of hot visitors winding its way through the palace," Mr Hewlett said.

From the palace quadrangle, visitors will will go through the Grand Entrance and upstairs to the main apartments. In the 150-foot picture gallery, one of the largest of the state rooms, they will be allowed to linger at their leisure and study the paintings, which include three Rubens, three Rembrandts and five Leonardos.

As they subsequently emerge through the Bow Room on to the terrace, they will have a view of the palace garden before the route leads them out at Grosvenor Gate, where a souvenir shop is being strategically sited.

During its first year the entire enterprise, including ticket and shop sales, is expected to raise £1.75 million towards repairing the fire damage at Windsor Castle.

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THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP



BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

FIDE, the World Chess Federation, has declared that its version of the World Championship Match will be between Anatoly Karpov and Dutchman Jan Timman. Since Timman is rated 36th in the world, that match will doubtless lack credibility, if it ever happens. Recently, in the tournament in Leon in Spain, Karpov suffered a setback, coming equal 3rd.

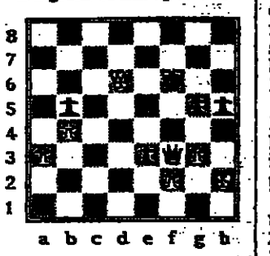
What was a poor result for Karpov was, in contrast, a superb performance by Peter Leko, the 13-year-old Hungarian, who not only drew with Karpov but achieved his second grandmaster result.

White: Peter Leko
Black: Anatoly Karpov
Leon, Spain 1993
Caro-Kann Defence

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3	Nf3	Bg4	38	Kg2	Nc5
4	h3	Bxf3	39	Kg1	Nd7
5	Qxf3	e6	40	Kg2	Qe6
6	Be2	Nf6	41	b3	Qd6
7	d3	Bd6	42	b4	Nf6
8	0-0	Nbd7	43	a3	Nd5
9	d4	cxe4	44	Bxd5	Qxd5+
10	Nxe4	Nxe4	45	Kg1	axb4
11	Qxe4	Nf6	46	cxb4	b5
12	Qf3	0-0	47	Qb6	e4
13	c3	Qa5	48	Kf1	Qd1+
14	Bf4	Rad8	49	Kg2	Qd3
15	Rfe1	Rfe8	50	Kg1	Qe4
16	Bxd6	Rxd6	51	Kg2	Qd3
17	Bc4	Qb6	52	Kg1	Kf8
18	Qe2	c5	53	Qa7	Qd1+
19	dxc5	Qxc5	54	Kg2	Qf3+
20	Rad1	Red8	55	Kg1	Qd3
21	Rxd6	Rxd6	56	Kg2	Ke8
22	Rd1	g6	57	Kg1	Qd1+
23	Rxd6	Qxd6	58	Kg2	Qd5
24	Qf3	Qe7	59	Kh2	Kf8
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26	Bb3	b6	61	Qb6	f5
27	Qd4	Kg7	62	Qc7+	Kf8
28	g3	e5	63	Qa7	g5
29	Qa3	h5	64	hxg6	hxg5
30	h4	Qe7	65	Qb8+	Kf7
31	Qf3	Qd7	66	Ch8	Qd1+
32	Qd1	Qc6	67	Kh2	Qf3
33	Qe2	Ng4	68	Qd4	e3
34	Qd2	a5	69	Qd7+	Kf6
35	Bd1	Nf6	70	Qd6+	

Draw agreed

Diagram of final position



a b c d e f g h

Championship update

To book your seat for The Times World Chess Championship match between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short ring First Call on 071 497 9977. Lines are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
1	Yudasin	Israel	*	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	7
2	Vyzmanavin	Russia	½	*	½	½	½	1	1	½	1	1	6½
3	Karpov	Russia	½	½	*	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	6½
4	Topalov	Bulgaria	½	½	½	*	½	½	1	1	1	1	5½
5	Leko	Hungary	½	½	½	½	*	½	0	1	1	1	5½
6	Morovic	Chile	0	½	½	½	½	*	½	1	1	1	5
7	Illescas	Spain	0	0	0	½	1	½	*	1	1	½	4½
8	Garcia	Spain	0	0	½	0	½	0	0	*	½	½	2½
9	Romero	Spain	0	½	½	0	0	0	0	½	*	½	2
10	Sion	Spain	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	½	½	*	1½

In the above crosstable, 1 = win, ½ = draw, 0 = loss

Nuclear alert enquiry ordered

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE defence ministry has ordered an enquiry into a nuclear accident alert at the Faslane submarine base at Gare Loch on the Clyde. The incident led to emergency services being called and local hospitals being put on standby.

Those living on the base were told to stay indoors and keep their windows shut. The alert at the Polaris base early on Sunday followed a leakage of radioactive coolant from the submarine *Repulse*.

The alarm was raised when three men working on the deck of the submarine were sprayed with the radioactive liquid. They were subsequently decontaminated.

A ministry spokesman said that only about a pint of liquid was involved, the radiation level involved was "minute" and none had spilled into Gare Loch.

But the alert has highlighted the issue of safety in the fight for the Trident nuclear submarine refitting contract between Rosyth in Fife and Devonport, Plymouth.

A spokesman for the Rosyth Royal Dockyard described the leak as "just the sort of incident that creates major panic".

The one-mile radius around the Rosyth yard is home to 2,000 people. In Devonport, 38,000 people live within the same area around the base.

Steve Sinclair, spokesman for Babcock Thorn, which manages Rosyth, said: "It is obviously easier to evacuate 2,000 people, most of whom are service families and know what is going on at the yard, than it is to evacuate 38,000 people in the event of an emergency."

The decision on the allocation of the contract has been delayed repeatedly and the news yesterday that Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, had suffered a heart attack could delay it further.

A decision had been expected after the cabinet meeting this Thursday.

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Food firm in court over pasta

Italian pasta sold by the Gateway supermarket chain under its own label and described as "100 per cent durum wheat" had been deliberately adulterated, magistrates at Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, were told yesterday.

Barry Berlin, for the prosecution, said samples bought by trading standards officers in the town contained up to 17 per cent of common wheat, which was 25 per cent cheaper in the EC.

Natural contamination of up to 3 per cent was acceptable, he said, and the firm should have tested the product. Gateway denies breaching the Food Safety Act by incorrect description. The trial continues.

Robens stroke

Lord Robens, 82, National Coal Board chairman from 1961-71, was described as "comfortable" in hospital at Chertsey, Surrey, after suffering a stroke.

Four stabbed

Four men were taken to hospital with stab wounds after an incident at Windmill House, a hostel for psychiatric patients in Enfield, north London. Two were later said to be critically ill.

Murder charge

Phillip Southam, 39, from Slough, Berkshire, was remanded in custody at Sittingbourne, Kent, charged with murdering David Collins, whose body was found on a beach.

Bullies caught

Army authorities admitted that several men were disciplined following allegations of bullying in the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment.

Rider named

The cyclist who died during the London to Brighton sponsored cycle ride at the weekend has been named as Frank Hammond, 47, of Erith, Kent.

Axe attack

Four shoppers were chased by a man with an axe at the Netto Superstore in Byker, Northumbria.

Guardsman 'harassed' by his male boss

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A SECURITY guard made legal history yesterday after winning compensation at an industrial tribunal for being sexually harassed at work by his male boss.

Matthew Gates, 21, is believed to be the first man in Britain to win such a claim. The tribunal in Cardiff was told that Mr Gates was persuaded to transfer to another site because he was so upset by the approaches of Ron Bradbury, 50, his Security Express Guards chief at the Alpha Steel plant in Newport, Gwent. It meant accepting less pay for longer hours [illegible] which he had worked 14 years. Paul Jacques, its branch branch manager, said Mr Bradbury was warned about his behaviour after a complaint from Mr Gates. "I thought it was barrack room humour which could be misconstrued," he said."

Ray Cleary, another guard, told the hearing: "I observed Mr Bradbury on a number of occasions simulating sexual intercourse with another guard."

Security Express Guards is planning to appeal against the decision.

Alan Rees, the tribunal chairman, awarded Mr Gates £3,000 general compensation for sex discrimination and £1,500 for injury to his feelings.

Mr Gates said that he fled from Mr Bradbury after he grabbed him. "He came up behind me, put one hand around my waist, the other around my neck and attempted to simulate sexual intercourse," he told the tribunal. He also alleged that Mr Bradbury bounced male colleagues on his knee in the gatehouse where they worked.

Mr Rees said: "It is clear that Mr Bradbury's conduct was unwanted, unreasonable and offensive to the applicant.

"The conduct was intimidating and humiliating. Mr Gates and others were clearly upset by it. What occurred went well beyond what a reasonable person would regard as horseplay."

He said that the firm had treated Mr Gates less favourably on the grounds of his sex than a woman would have been treated in similar circumstances.

Mr Bradbury has since left [illegible]

Two found dead in exhaust-filled car

BY JAMES LANDALE

AN unemployed man and a schoolgirl have been found dead in an exhaust-filled car in the same place the man's brother was discovered unconscious in a car with the body of a schoolboy three weeks ago.

Karen Breed, 15, and John Whittingslow, 21, were found in a car on wasteland in Telford, Shropshire, on Sunday. Three weeks ago, Mark Whittingslow, 25, was found parked at the same place with Daniel Hollingworth, 14, dead beside him.

Mark Whittingslow, who was also unemployed, lived in Telford with his brother. He has recovered from carbon monoxide poisoning and is in custody charged with Daniel's manslaughter.

Karen, also from Telford, was reported missing from home a month ago. Inspector Terry Lowe of West Mercia police said a post-mortem examination was being carried out to discover the cause of death.

"A hosepipe led from the exhaust of the Metro to the interior of the car," he said.

Karen and John were found in the front of the car by a man walking his dog. Police said there was no evidence they were lovers.

Insp Lowe said that some notes and letters had been discovered in the car and by friends.

Karen and John had attended Daniel's funeral at Madeley parish church last Friday. Isa Breedon, Karen's mother, said yesterday: "She was pretty, bubbly, and had everthing to live for."

Max Bennett, the solicitor for Mark Whittingslow, said: "The family is under the impression that in John's case his suicide has been brought about by the pressure he had been under since Mark's court case."

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Referendum vote is put back to July

BY JONATHAN PRYNN AND SHEILA GUNN

THE key House of Lords vote on a Maastricht referendum has been put back to July 14 following the withdrawal of a flawed amendment that would have made it virtually impossible for Euro-sceptic peers to secure a national poll.

The delay means that there will be no debate and no vote on the referendum issue during the six-day Lords committee stage of the Maastricht bill, which starts today.

The original amendment would have required 50 per cent of the entire British electorate to vote for the treaty in the referendum for it to be ratified. Anti-Maastricht peers were concerned that setting such a tough threshold for ratification would have turned waverers against a referendum and the vote in the Lords would have been lost. "We didn't want to be accused of trying to pull a fast one," said one anti-Maastricht organiser.

The weakness of the amendment was only spotted at the last moment and it was withdrawn late on Friday.

The new amendment, which will not be debated until Bastille day, requires only a majority of the turn-out to vote for the treaty to achieve ratification. Equally, a simple majority of the turn-out against the treaty would be sufficient to block it.

The report stage amendment will appear in the names of Lord Blake, the Tory historian; Labour's Lord Stoddart of Swindon; Viscount Tonypandy, the former Commons Speaker; and the Duke of Devonshire. The amendment echoes the wording of a similar amendment tabled by the Tory Euro-sceptic MP, Richard Shepherd, during the Commons committee consideration of the bill.

Anti-Maastricht peers believe they have a small chance of winning a vote on a referendum if the backwoodsmen peers, who have been assiduously courted by both camps, turn out in force to vote against the government.

They also believe they have won a small victory in securing three extra days' debate for the Lords committee and report stages of the bill. In return, they have agreed with government business managers in the Upper House to end each day's debate at about 11pm. There had been fears that anti-Maastricht peers would continue the debates through the night and try to catch the government off guard with a surprise vote in the early hours.

Of the high profile anti-Maastricht peers who contributed to the second reading debate two weeks ago, only Lord Tebbit has yet committed himself to speaking on the referendum at the Lords report stage. However, the rebel peers are hoping to persuade Lady Thatcher and Lord Parkinson to add their influential voices on July 14.

The Maastricht Referendum Campaign is planning to deliver to the Commons its petition calling for a referendum some days before the Lords vote. It wants the petition, which is not believed to have secured the millions of signatures originally hoped for, to form part of the ammunition during the referendum vote.

The three extra days means that Royal Assent for the Maastricht bill will not be given until late July. It will be followed by a debate on the social chapter in both houses. Parliament is expected to rise for the summer around July 26.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: defence, prime minister. Opposition debate on funding of political parties.
Lords (2.30): European communities (amendment) bill, committee. Sexual offences bill, second reading.

Old-style Tory with a taste for trouble



HE HAS an Irish accent and the lived-in look of a man who has seen that the imperfections of the ballot box are nothing beside the horrors of the Armalite. She is elegant, insistent and one of the few cabinet ministers over the last year to have enhanced her reputation. Together, the Bonnie & Clyde at health are proving one of Whitehall's sharper double acts.

Virginia Bottomley is already a household name but Dr Brian Mawhinney, her minister of state, is only now, at the age of 52, coming to the fore. Tomorrow, when new reports from the health department cast a further shadow over the future of London hospitals, he will again be in the front line.

His name was mentioned as a possible cabinet promotion before last month's reshuffle. It is not lost on some MPs that Dr Mawhinney's Peterborough seat borders John Major's Huntingdon fastness and the two were close colleagues before the premier's meteoric rise.

Dr Mawhinney's relative obscurity is explained by his long exile in Ulster through the 1980s. Entering Parliament in 1979 after a career in medical physics in the US and the Royal Free in London, he mounted the ministerial ladder in 1986 as junior minister in Belfast. In the process, he became the first politician born and raised in Ulster to be appointed to a ministerial post in his homeland.

He insists that he enjoyed his six and a quarter years in the province, but he was clearly pleased to be recalled. Beneath his easy-going manner there lurks a formidable ambition. Not for nothing did his officials at Stormont Castle joke that "the ego has landed" when his plane touched down at Aldergrove airport.

Despite his medical background, education was his main responsibility in his early days and he takes particular pride as a non-sectarian Protestant in piloting through integrated schooling. Later, Dr Mawhinney became security minister — "not something I discuss". His political style is an echo of a less dogmatic Tory party. An old-style machine politician, he combines the charm and the steel to conduct interminable negotiations with the medical profession without giving too much ground or raising the BMA's hackles in the manner of predecessors such as Kenneth Clarke or David Mellor.

Dr Mawhinney resists attempts to pigeonhole either his views or his style, pointing out that while he would hang murderers, the strong must never forget their responsibilities to the weak and needy.

Margaret Thatcher's confrontational approach of the 1980s was "vitally necessary", not least in the trade union area. "The country needed strong leadership and that is what Mrs Thatcher gave it."

John Major is a man whose views on Europe chime precisely with his own. "When he speaks on Europe, he is speaking for me ... One of the many skills of his political leadership has been that not only did he take over in unparalleled circumstances, but he steadied the party and he displayed the sort of leadership that people found attractive."

But what of Mr Major's many critics? "Getting through Maastricht is a reflection of a special type of leadership at which he is very good."

Nor does the health minister accept the "nice girl, tough guy" depiction of his teamwork with Mrs Bottomley. "I think it is marginally unfair to both of us. The idea that she won't face up to and take tough difficult decisions ... is a travesty. She cannot be a secretary of state for health and not be willing to face up to serious issues and take responsibility for them.

"I don't think I am as tough as I am made out to be. One of the skills I have been able to develop over the years I have been a minister is to understand other people's points of view, to talk with them in a persuasive way looking for common ground ... I am more patient than I was."

But his patience is not limitless. His friends say that Dr Mawhinney would like to go home again — as secretary of state when Sir Patrick Mayhew bows out.



MICHAEL POWELL

Mawhinney: seen by many as Clyde to Virginia Bottomley's Bonnie

Heseltine's illness gives Major a political relapse

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Much of the fascination of politics is its unpredictability. Just when you think you are through to calmer waters, another storm blows up, or, as John Major must feel, "one damn thing after another". That might seem a callous reaction to yesterday's news about Michael Heseltine's heart attack. But that is how politicians react and talk.

After expressions of concern — how serious was it? — MPs yesterday quickly switched to assessing the impact of his absence. Much depends on how long he is away. Initial reports sounded reassuring. Many MPs have recovered from heart attacks to return full-time to politics, as John Smith did in 1988 after a three-month absence. Similarly, Mr Heseltine is sure to be away from his department for some time.

Mr Heseltine remains one of the big beasts of the Westminster jungle, more impressive, and feared, than most around him on the government frontbench. He is still capable of putting in a bravura performance, as he would have assuredly done in today's debate on the funding of political parties. Unlike most MPs, he knows how to deliver a speech. He is one of the few politicians whom fellow MPs and journalists will rush to hear when they see his name on the Commons annunciator screens.

His shrewdness in defusing trouble was shown only two weeks ago when he handled Norman Lamont's explosive resignation statement more adroitly than Sir Norman Fowler, the Tory chairman. Nonetheless, Mr Heseltine's absence will be felt less than it would have been a year ago. His stock has fallen since its high point during last year's election campaign.

His standing was seriously damaged by his retreat over pit closures last October. That raised questions about his political judgment, even though the revised package this March did not alter the basic strategy. But the repackaging absorbed much time and energy over the winter and, in the eyes of cabinet colleagues, undermined his previous self-confidence and sure touch.

Other ministers have wondered what he has been up to as self-styled President of the Board of Trade, the job he most wanted after prime minister. His reorganisation of the department to promote contacts with business and exports has not produced the inspiration and drive expected of such a long-standing advocate of industrial policy. There has been a sense that, having attained his long-sought prize, it has been a disappointment.

Mr Heseltine has seemed a pillar of the cabinet rather than a coming man. Before last month's reshuffle no one spoke of him as a possible Chancellor of Exchequer. And no one mentions him as a possible successor to Mr Major. In the current fashion at Westminster, that role has been taken on by Kenneth Clarke, though others, including Michael Howard, might contest that view. Westminster fashion is, however, fickle and Mr Heseltine has proved resilient in the past.

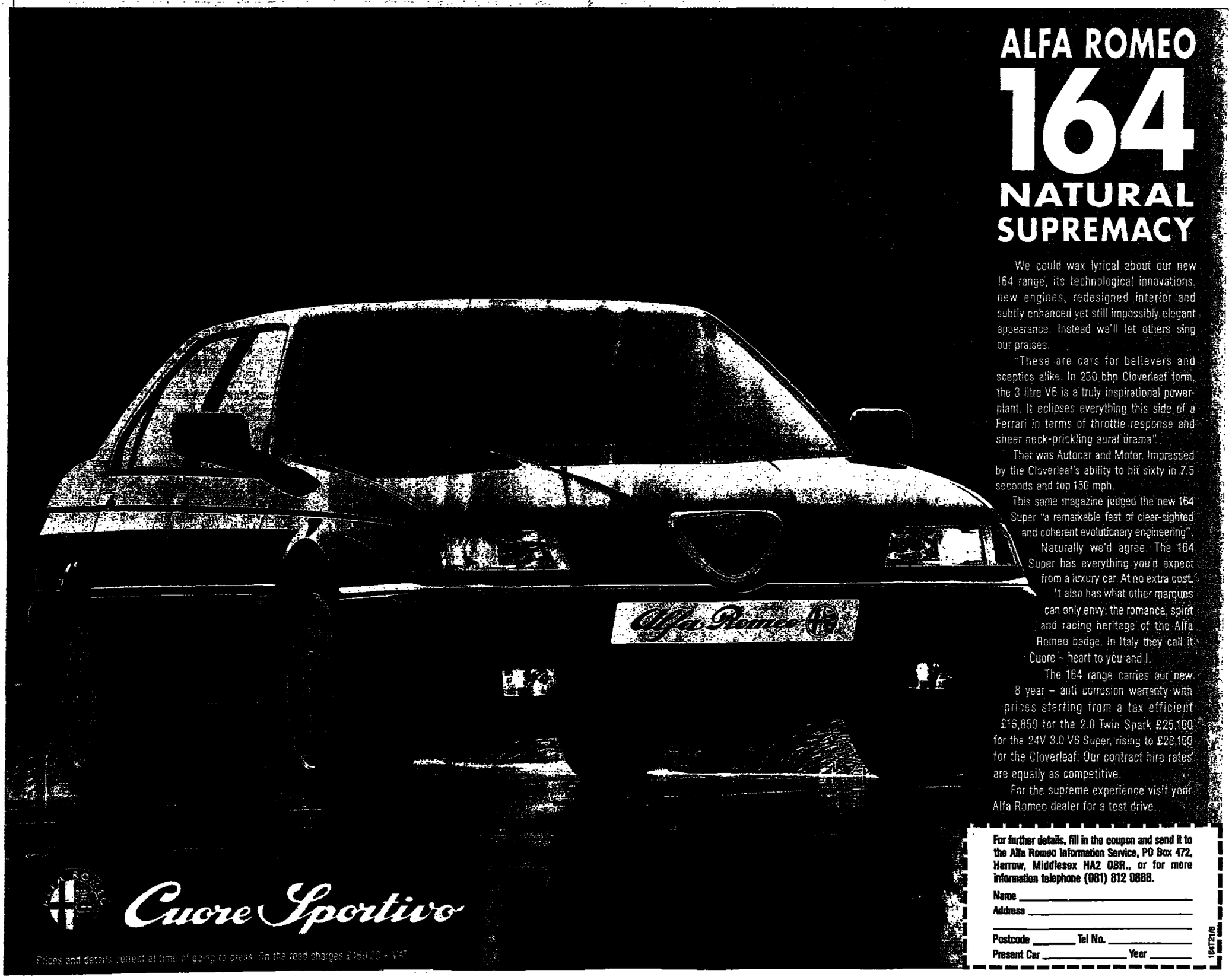
Even if he is no longer a brooding presence watched nervously by colleagues, Mr Heseltine remains one of the big four in the cabinet around Mr Major; the others being Mr Clarke, Mr Howard and Douglas Hurd.

Mr Heseltine's illness is a further complication which Mr Major could well have done without. He is already faced with all the ramifications of the Asil Nadir affair — not just the increasingly isolated position of Michael Mates but also widespread calls for reform of the Tories' fund-raising procedures.

Unfairly, and in many ways by cruel chance, it adds to the impression of a government not in charge of its destiny.

PETER RIDDELL

Major's troubles, page 1



EC's labour laws driving away business, leaders told

FROM PHILIP WEBSTER IN COPENHAGEN

JOHN Major gave a warning yesterday to the European Community that its labour costs were aggravating unemployment and its social laws driving away business.

In a tough speech to the European Council summit in Copenhagen, the prime minister said that the Community must compete or it would contract. He launched an attack on a series of directives affecting workers' rights and said that the summit should vet thoroughly any future European Commission proposals affecting industry and hold an audit on the costs and effects on jobs of existing Community legislation.

Mr Major said the EC should respect different labour market traditions in each country and not seek uniformity for its own sake.

His criticism of social legislation brought him into direct conflict with Jacques Delors, the European Commission president, who presented the summit with an eight-point plan to boost the shrinking economies of the EC and tackle the root causes of growing unemployment. M Delors rejected any attempts to claw back labour protection laws and the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty.

Niels Helveg Petersen, the Danish foreign minister, said that there was no question of the summit approving an assault on social welfare policies. "I don't think this meeting will see any kind of attack on social security programmes. I don't see how we can tackle this by increasing the insecurity of people."

EUROPEAN INDUSTRY

But in an aggressive speech, aimed at both his summit and Tory Eurosceptics, Mr Major said that Europe was losing competitiveness with the United States, Japan and the Pacific rim countries and must face up to hard truths.

Unit labour costs in the EC rose by 4 per cent a year through the 1980s, while in the United States the increase was 1 per cent a year. In Japan there was no increase at all. Last year, average labour costs in manufacturing were 20 per cent higher in the EC than in the US and Japan.

"Unemployment is high in Europe ... because our total labour costs are too high, our employment markets too rigid and our labour force is not as adaptable and mobile as in the United States," Mr Major said. "None of us can afford to continue to go on piling additional costs on employers." He added: "There is a real danger that harmonisation at EC level is driving away business to our competitors in third countries."

The prime minister singled out for criticism the working-time directive imposing a 48-hour week on the Community. Although Britain had won amendments it was still a bad directive, he said.

Mr Major said that the past two years had been difficult for Europe, politically because of the problems over Maastricht, and economically because of recession, rising unemployment and deteriorating competitiveness. "There is real risk of disillusionment and loss of faith in the Community unless we show we are facing up to these problems with realism."

In his plan, M Delors called on EC states to pull their economies back into line on the way to a single currency in order to boost growth and create jobs. He proposed more investment in research and development, improved transport and telecommunications links. He called for reform of the education system and said that everyone should have the right to life-long training. Top priority should be given to providing everyone with a job, activity or useful training.

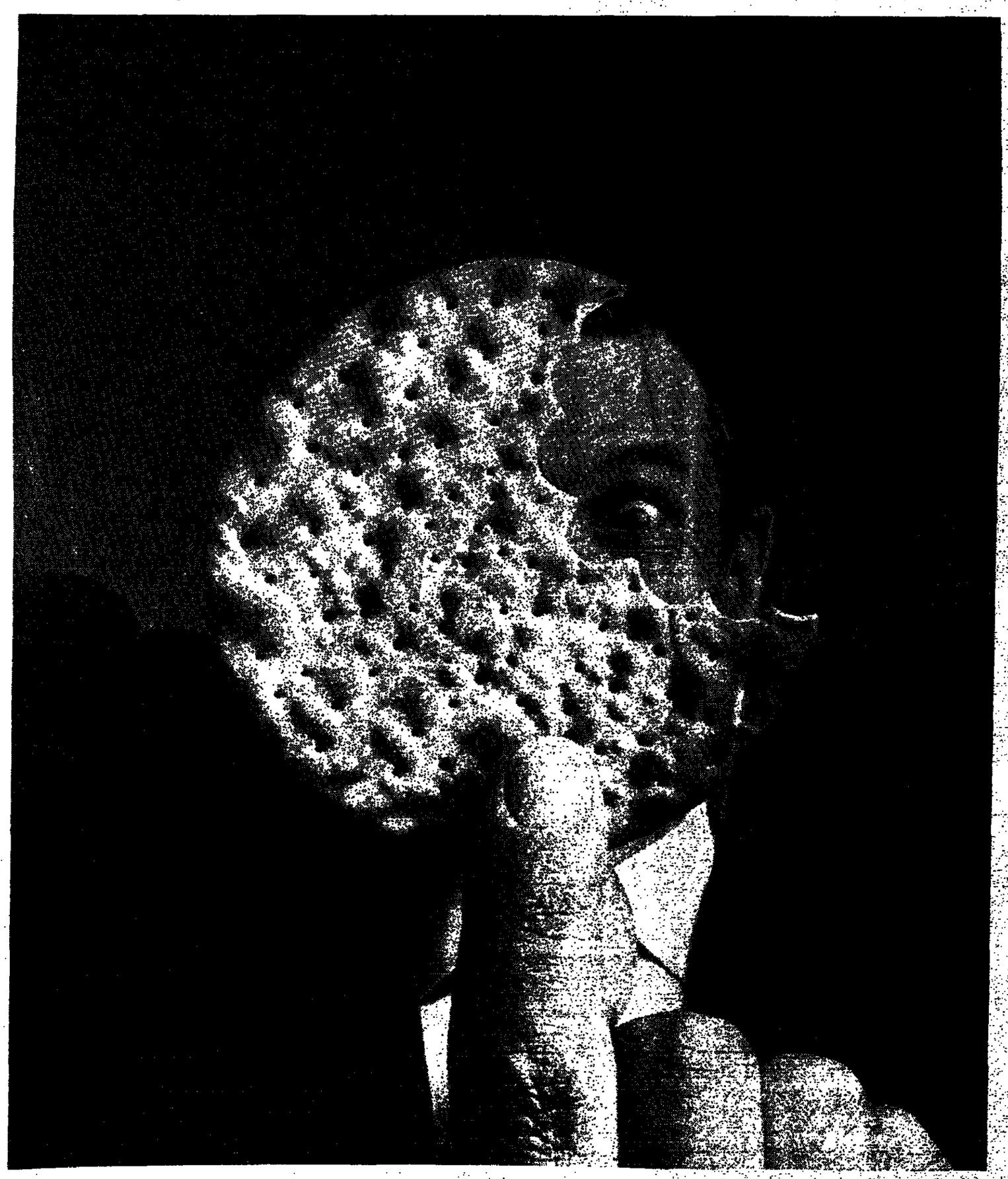
In his response, Mr Petersen rejected suggestions that Europe should follow the US approach. "We see in the United States serious social problems. We should not be pressed to produce the kind of policies that lead to such situations. We need European solutions."

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At the heart of Europe: Major with Chancellor Kohl and President Mitterrand at the Copenhagen summit yesterday

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Soft answers for the press pack

The reporter from ITN called out: "Do you still stand by Michael Mates, prime minister?" as John Major moved smartly to his car to set off for European summit from the SAS Scandinavia Hotel in Copenhagen yesterday. "Good morning, good morning, how nice to see you," Mr Major replied disarmingly and swiftly disappeared.

When he arrived at the hotel from the airport the previous evening an anxious looking Mr Major waited in his car for a few minutes to compose himself.

A controlled "doorstep" had been planned. A handful of reporters had been due to throw a few questions at Mr Major as he went in. With the Mates story running big back in London the numbers swelled and he faced a familiar ambush. He wanted to talk about his imminent attack on EC social legislation. "Is Mr Mates's position untenable?" he was asked.

It was a scene he must be beginning to dread. Once again the prime minister's agenda on a foreign trip was proving to be rather different from that of those reporting it.

Mr Major can hardly leave the country these days without unwelcome intrusions from home. He was addressing a business dinner in Bombay in January when news came that the *New Statesman* was publishing allegations about a friendship with Clare Latimer, proprietor of a catering company that had run Downing Street receptions. The following day in Muscat as he flew back from the desert after talks with the Sultan of Oman he was questioned about his decision to sue the magazine.

On a trip to Eastern Europe soon after the general election he found himself besieged at a press conference in Budapest by questions about the collapse of Olympia and York, the financiers of Canary Wharf. Then on his way to the Rio Earth Summit Mr Major discovered that the press was interested not in the environment but in the attendance at a rebel Euro-sceptic meeting of two of his cabinet ministers, Peter Lilley and Michael Portillo.

Even on home ground the media will not follow the script. Mr Major, as EC president, called a special summit in Birmingham last October in the aftermath of Britain's withdrawal from the ERM. Foreign journalists looked on amazed as their British colleagues concentrated virtually all their energies on the row over Michael Heseltine's pit closure announcement. Such were their demands that the prime minister decided to split his press conference into two, with questions allowed first on the coal crisis and later on the summit itself.

Mr Major is not alone among prime ministers in being beset by domestic difficulties while travelling. Lady Thatcher's travels were sometimes interrupted. Once, in Peking, she spent much of her time fending off questions about the failure of two of her cabinet ministers. The IRA sometimes attacked with bombs in Britain while she was abroad. Her most celebrated absence was when she chose to be in Paris on the night of the first ballot in the Tory leadership contest in 1990.

But Mr Major has been unfortunate. If the furore over Mr Mates had not been enough to hijack him, the news from Venice about Michael Heseltine meant that his duel with Jacques Delors was never going to receive the billing his officials hoped.

When he emerged from an enjoyable breakfast in the Scandinavia yesterday with Carlo Ciampi, the new Italian premier, Mr Major was again expecting the worst from another "doorstep". He was given unexpected respite by a BBC reporter who used up all the allotted three questions on the social chapter, much to the fury of his colleagues who berated him loudly later. As the motorcycle outriders loudly revved, Mr Major was able to escape to the sanctuary of his car. But today when he appears at an end of summit news conference Mr Major will again be in the firing line.

PHILIP WEBSTER

Germany and France split over protection

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN COPENHAGEN

EUROPE'S deepening economic crisis not only pits Britain against its EC partners over social law at the Community summit here, but is exposing a widening gulf between France and Germany over free trade and protectionism.

As Europe exporting businesses lose their share of world markets because of declining productivity and recession, Germany's weak and battered government has come under fierce fire from its industrial chiefs to fight harder for free trade rules which have traditionally helped to boost German growth. France's government is under pressure from inside its own coalition to turn Europe into an economic fortress against low-cost imports from Asia.

Philippe Séguin, speaker of the French national assembly and leader of last year's French campaign against the Maastricht treaty, is threatening to split the French government over the already-strained talks on a new deal under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Gatt's liberal economic principles, M Séguin said last week, had helped to ruin Western Europe's economies and drive up unemployment.

President Mitterrand's tone has turned more protectionist. Free trade, he said on the eve of the summit, should not be elevated into a "mad or systematic ideology". Global economic competition exposed Europe to unequal competition it could not stand for long unless the EC erects trade barriers to defend itself.

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Bonn fights back as allies try to pin blame for war

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

■ **Helmut Kohl will have difficulty stomaching attempts to blame Germany for EC foreign policy failures**

THE traditional Monday night dinner of the European Community summiteers may well have tested the powers of Helmut Kohl's formidable digestive system. For the past week Germany has been criticised, first by the United States, then by France, for its determination to recognise Croatia in the winter of 1991-2. This, according to Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, and Roland Dumas, the French foreign minister, was the moment when Europe's first post-Cold War foreign policy foundered.

Bonn has been wounded, and continues to smart. Herr Kohl said, through a spokesman, that such reproaches were unjustified. In an unusual move, the German ambassador to Washington is to deliver the "facts of the case" to the State Department.

Germany is determined not to be blamed for the breakdown in collective foreign policy making. "If the West is looking for a scapegoat, it should look elsewhere," a German diplomat said. The *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* pinpoints France and Britain as the guilty parties.

The dispute is not new. The oddity is why it should have again erupted so long after the event. The reason is partly scapegoating. The discarding of the Vance-Owen plan, the adoption of a "safe areas" policy — for which the necessary United Nations soldiers cannot be found — and the apparently benign Western attitude to a new Serbo-Croat partition of Bosnia-Herzegovina has happened with such speed that it has become clear even to the most indifferent that Europe has no policy on the Balkans.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, emphasises that the new plan for Bosnia is not, contrary to appearances, comparable to the 18th century partition of Poland. It is difficult, however, to see much difference. There is no great drive to secure the territorial integrity of Bosnia — once the linchpin of European policy — and it is plain that a future Muslim mini-state is as doomed as was the Polish state. Poland was split between powerful neighbours — Prussia, Russia and Austria — and so, too, will be Bosnia.

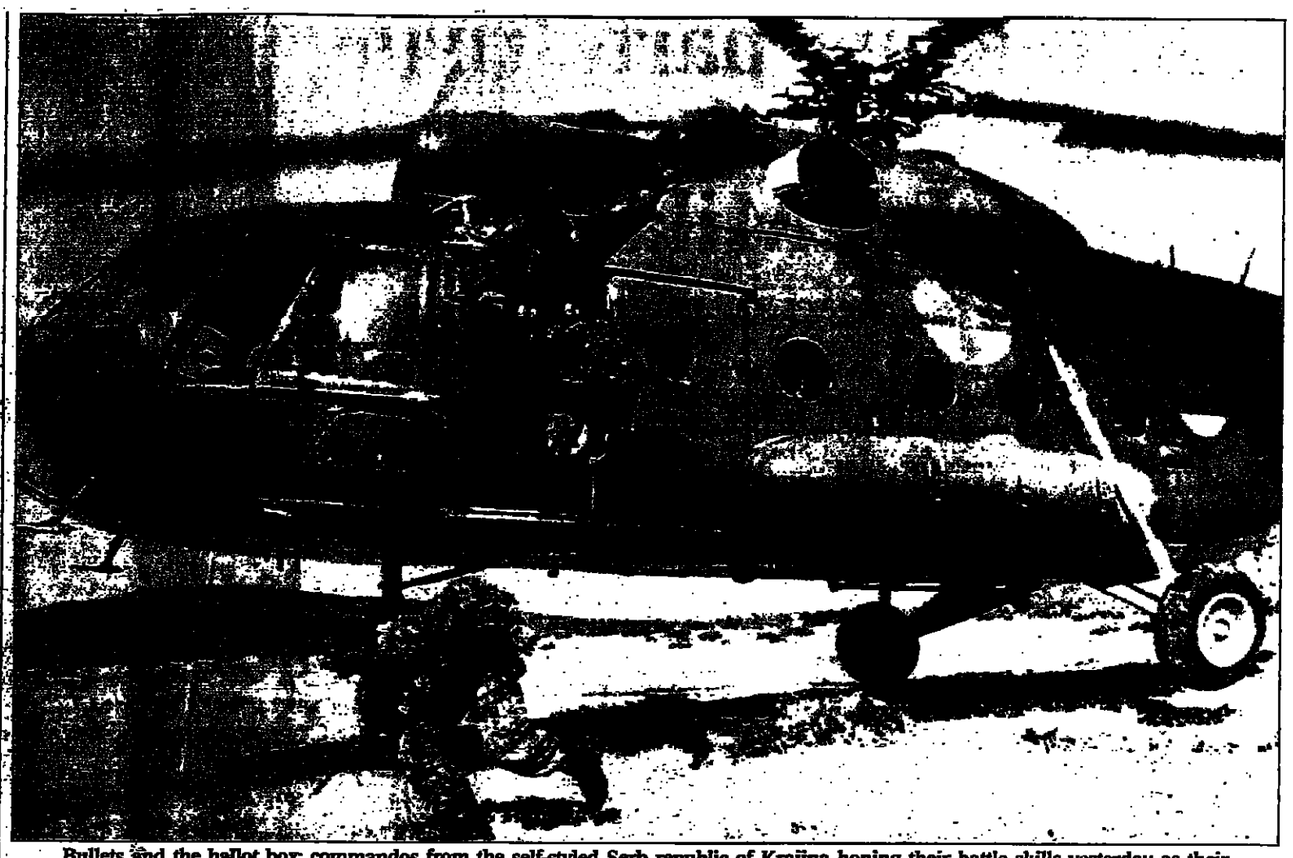
The current diplomatic trouble probably began this spring with the publication in France of a book by Henry Wynaendts, the Dutch diplomat who was an active negotiator in Croatia in 1991-2. He blames Germany for urging [redacted] quick recognition of Croatia and the UN for soft pedalling on the Serbs. Mr Wynaendts compares Cyrus Vance's treatment of President Milosevic of Serbia with the relationship between Roosevelt and Stalin.

The foreign policy establishments of Britain, the Netherlands, Italy and France are all convinced that Germany, in its first burst of international assertiveness after unification, blundered badly. Klaus Kinkel, the German foreign minister, pointed out last week that a decision to recognise Croatia was made unanimously within the EC.

Yet the blanket criticism of Bonn is flawed. Recognition did indeed remove a possible lever on Croatia through which additional protection for the Serb minority could have been won. But Serbia, rather than Croatia, should have been the focus of pressure, and the EC as a whole could never find the appropriate lever. Moreover, American policy, orientated for many crucial months towards keeping Yugoslavia together, probably contributed more to encouraging the aggression of the Serb-led Yugoslav army.

Underlying the criticism of Bonn is the suspicion that the wartime alliance between the Germans and Croats has somehow survived. Underpinning the German suspicion of British and French motives, meanwhile, was the idea that they were inherently sympathetic to Serbia because of wartime alignments. Too late, tragically late, the Europeans woke up to the fact that there was a new war on and that it was defining new national interests.

□ **Belgrade**: The Bosnian presidency gathered for a crucial meeting yesterday in Zagreb, the Croatian capital, fuelling speculation that it was preparing to depose President Izetbegovic (Tim Judah writes). The presidency is set to meet Mr Izetbegovic, who is chairman of the body and a Muslim, when it reconvenes in Geneva today or tomorrow. If deposed, Fikret Abdic, a moderate Muslim member of the presidency, is tipped to succeed him.



Bullets and the ballot box: commandos from the self-styled Serb republic of Krajina honing their battle skills yesterday as their countrymen went to the polls in a referendum on union with other Serb territories in the former Yugoslavia. Krajina comprises three enclaves of Croatian territory seized by rebel Serbs during Croatia's 1991 war of independence

A 'voice' for Serbia

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE Clinton administration has agreed to the launch of a Radio Free Serbia late this summer to bolster domestic opposition to Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, and help to undermine his increasingly authoritarian rule.

The new station will broadcast in both Serbo-Croat and Albanian and will provide an alternative source of news about events in the former Yugoslavia to a Serbian media over which Mr Milosevic exerts almost total control.

The station will be run by Radio Free Europe, the Munich-based organisation which the CIA founded, along with Radio Liberty, to broadcast into the Soviet bloc during the Cold War. The CIA link ended in 1971 and the stations have since been funded directly by Congress.

Bosnia enemies united in death

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN TURBE, BOSNIA

TODAY the guns are silent, momentarily held in check by the latest ceasefire agreement. Both Serb and Muslim commanders use this tenuous peace to collect their dead.

The dead men had lain among the scrub and rocks for three weeks — Serb soldiers, killed as they attacked a Muslim position outside Turbe, central Bosnia. The depredations of heat and animals had taken their toll. Rubber gloves and obsolete gas masks were something of a necessity. Stepping gingerly over ground previously littered with mines, the party of six Muslim soldiers, red silk smocks worn over combat dress to identify their mission, move along the ravine that marks the forward edge of their lines.



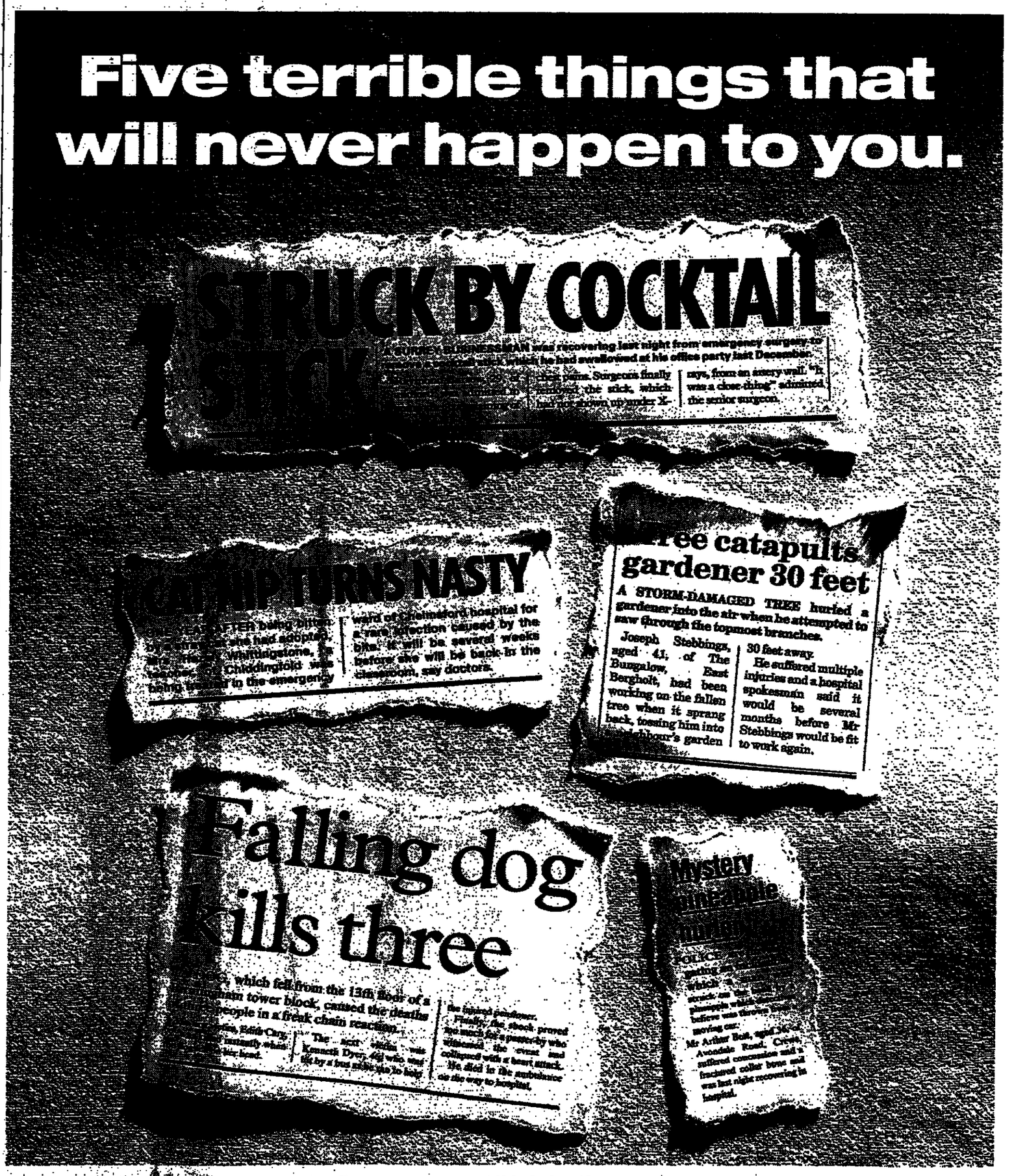
Beba Salko, the Bosnian army liaison officer responsible for exchanging prisoners and bodies, calls out to the shadowy figures of Serb soldiers as they emerge from the undergrowth beyond the ravine. His team are unarmed, only their red smocks and large fluttering Red Cross banner ensure their survival.

They call greetings to each other across the divide and wave. The Serbs approach a ragged bundle of uniform and roll it on to a stretcher. The odour of decay hangs heavily in the air.

For over an hour the rapport continues, the shouting of directions combined with humour. But both sides are defeated by the mines scattered among the foliage. Only two of the 10 bodies can be reached. The rest must remain where they fell until all of the mines are cleared.

The two officers arrange to meet on a road within Serb lines to discuss a collection of the dead elsewhere. An hour is needed to warn the forward Serb positions of Beba's approach. "We have been shot at only once after such an agreement," Beba says. An hour later on the Serb front line, Beba gets out of the car and smiles at some Serb soldiers. They shake hands, laugh and embrace, identical in uniform and language. Bogdan Rustic, the Serb officer, says: "Beba and I were friends long before the war ... I was a journalist living in Novi Travnik. Beba lived in Travnik. One day I got a phone call from some Croats who told me if I didn't leave in two days I would be killed. I left. We are still friends."

The men talk for a while and organise the next meeting. "Today we are all on one side, this is a land for us all," says Beba. "I hate this war."



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Anti-Rome party seals triumph by capturing Milan

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

■ Reform-minded Italian voters punished the old parties in local elections. Gains for the Northern League and former Communists have rewritten the political agenda

HUNDREDS of Lombardy League supporters chanting "secession, secession" celebrated in the Cathedral Square of Milan through the early hours yesterday after Marco Formentini, their candidate, was elected mayor.

Signor Formentini, 63, a former European Community bureaucrat in Brussels, won 57 per cent of the run-off vote held on Sunday, trouncing Nando Dalla Chiesa, a sociologist and leading figure of the anti-Mafia party La Rete (Network), who got 42.9 per cent.

It was the most significant victory yet for the league and its philosophy that most of the woes of Italy are caused by the rich northern taxpayer subsidising the impoverished south. The league also controls 36 of the 60 city council seats in Milan, so it will have full power to use the city as a governmental showcase.

The run-off confirmed the pattern of league dominance in the north already evident in the first round of the polls two weeks ago. In addition to Milan, the league chalked up a symbolic victory in Novara, the home town of President Scalfaro.

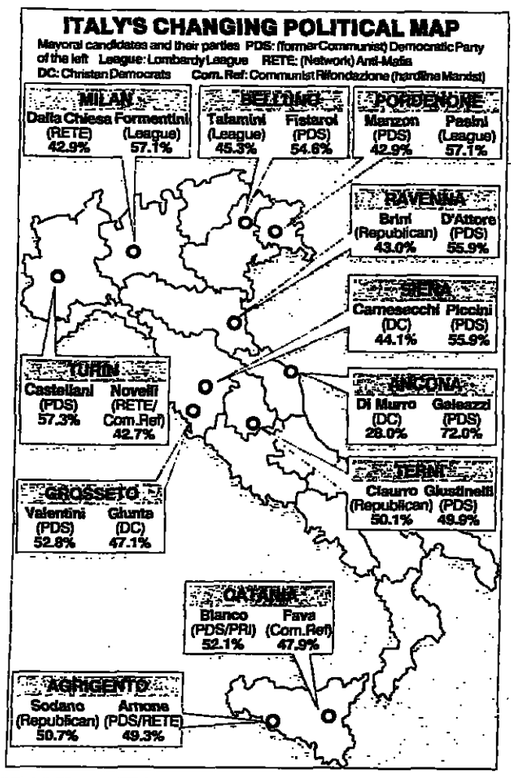
In the centre and south, the dominance of the opposition former Communists, the Democratic Party of the Left (PDS), was accentuated with support from centrist voters at the expense of the radical La Rete and of the hardline Marxist organisation, Communist Refoundation.

In Turin, Diego Novelli, La Rete favourite for mayor, who held the post in the 1980s when he belonged to the old Communist party, was defeated in a surprising outcome by Valentino Castellani, a member of the new Democratic Alliance party founded by Mario Segni, the crusader for electoral reform.

La Rete was pipped at the post also in the Sicilian city of Catania, where its candidate, Claudio Fava, the son of a campaigning journalist murdered by the Mafia, was edged out by Enzo Bianco, a Republican MP supported by the PDS. The battle was a blow to the Christian Democratic party that traditionally has dominated Catania with the covert assistance of Mafia votes.

The PDS confirmed that its traditional support in the centre was undiminished with mayors from the party's leading left-wing alliances elected in Siena, Grosseto, Ancona and Ravenna. The PDS also held back a strong league challenge in the Dolomites in the city of Belluno.

□ **Palermo:** Police increased pressure on Mariano Tullio Troia, 54, a fugitive considered heir to the arrested alleged boss of the Sicilian Mafia, Salvatore "Toto" Riina, when they held eight associates and charged them with Mafia association. *(Reuter)*





Street terror: Spanish police standing on a ramp look down at a vehicle wrecked in one of two bomb blasts in Madrid yesterday in which seven people died. The authorities suspect Basque separatists planted the devices

Madrid points to Eta revenge motive in double car bombing

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

TWO car bombs exploded yesterday in central Madrid during the morning rush-hour, killing six servicemen and their civilian driver in a minibus and injuring more than 30 passers-by. Three of six people badly hurt were children waiting for a school bus near the scene of the first bomb.

The attacks were the first since the Spanish general election just over two weeks ago, and Basque Eta separatists guerrillas were presumed responsible by the acting prime minister, Felipe Gonzalez. In Copenhagen yesterday for an EC meeting, he described the blasts as "terrifying crimes". José Maria Aznar, 40, leader of the conservative Popular party, who was defeated in the election, had a narrow escape when the second explosion at 9.15am took place close to where he was walking to work as usual, but the mayor of Madrid, José Maria Alvarez del Manzano, said it was not known if he had been the target.

The first bomb was detonated by remote control at 8.15am as a white, unmarked Mercedes minibus carrying five officers, a sergeant and their driver drove to the joint chiefs of staff headquarters. The force of the explosion ripped the van apart and two bodies were thrown on to a flyover. An eight-year-boy and his 16-year-old sister waiting for a school bus were among those maimed by the blast.

An hour later, in the second explosion nearby, one woman lost both legs as a stolen red Ford Escort was strewn across Serrano street outside a fashionable tapas bar, only 200 yards from the US embassy. An interior ministry spokesman said: "We knew that there were several Eta terrorists active in Madrid. What we did not know was where and when they would strike."

The authorities believe that the bombings were acts of revenge by Eta's elusive Madrid commando. Last Friday, Eta's top three activists, including the former leader, Francisco "Pakito" Múgica, were jailed for between eight and ten years in Paris for criminal association, illicit firearms possession and illegal residence in southwest France, near the Spanish Basque region. Eta's political wing, Herri Batasuna, lost two of its four parliamentary seats in the election.

Left picks Scharping for Kohl challenge

Bonn: Rudolf Scharping the German opposition leader, is to challenge Helmut Kohl the German chancellor, in elections next year after his last rival in the Social Democratic party pulled out of the race.

He made the long-awaited announcement after a strategy session with Oskar Lafontaine, the party's failed 990 standard-bearer, who wanted to run again, and a meeting with its leadership. Herr Scharping, 45, will be formally elected as the Social Democrats' new chairman on Friday after sweeping to victory in a poll that the left-of-centre party held on June 13 to find a replacement for its scandal-tainted former chairman, Björn Engholm. *(Reuter)*

Ukraine retreat

Kiev: President Kravchuk of Ukraine suspended an economic emergency decree "to ensure the smooth functioning of relations between the president, the cabinet and ministries". Leonid Kuchma, the prime minister, had threatened to resign. *(AFP)*

Racist charge

Koblenz: The lead singer of Störkraft (Disruptive Force), a prominent German far-right rock band, has been charged with inciting racist hatred and spreading Nazi ideology. He was identified as Jörg P. *(AFP)*

Rights 'flop'

Vienna: Pierre Sane, the head of Amnesty International, said the UN world conference on human rights had been "a total flop" and called the first half of the meeting "a week of shame". *(Reuter)*

Block on line

Paris: SNCF, the French state-owned railway company, can no longer afford the new lines for its TGV high-speed railway programme and the government should intervene, said Jacques Fournier, the SNCF president. *(AFP)*

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Turks' dream fades as rebel colonel lays claim to Baku

By Anatol Lieven in Baku and Our Foreign Staff

■ Russia and Turkey are competing for influence in Azerbaijan and Central Asia. With Baku lying open to rebel forces, Moscow seems to have won a crucial round

AZERBAIJAN'S rebel leader, Colonel Surat Husseinov, yesterday claimed supreme authority in the troubled Transcaucasian republic. The colonel, whose advancing forces have halted on the outskirts of Baku, told a press conference in his stronghold of Gyandzha that he was obliged in the present crisis to take responsibility for running the country himself.

Earlier, the acting defence and interior ministers had declared their neutrality as rebel forces swept to the edge of the capital last night. They told parliament that their forces would not fight the rebels without a specific order from parliament.

With advance parties of rebel troops fraternising with government soldiers barely three miles from parliament, there is no chance of such an order being given. Roshan Javadov, the interior minister, admitted that the rebels "are strong enough to enter Baku right now". He appealed to parliament to find an immediate political solution, saying: "Tomorrow it will be too late."

There has been almost no fighting during the entire sweep which in the past nine days has brought the rebels 225 miles from their headquarters in Gyandzha to Baku. After brief talks, government troops have waved them through or defected to them. The overwhelming majority of soldiers were unwilling to fight for the deeply unpopular government of President Elchibey. After he fled last week to the enclave of Nakhichevan and left what remains of government power in the hands of Heidar Aliyev, the new parliamentary chairman and former Communist boss, the soldiers have become confused as to who or what they would be fighting for.

The destruction of the Popular Front regime in Azerbaijan is a defeat for Turkey's influence in the former Soviet Union; this was most probably a key motive of the Russian hardline forces thought to be backing the present rebellion. Turkey has tied its diplomatic colours firmly to Mr Elchibey's presidency and its almost certain political demise will leave Turkey without much hold over the new Azerbaijan.

Five former Soviet republics, and several autonomous republics of the Russian Federation, contain Turkic-speaking people. Of these, the Azerbaijanis are closest linguistically and geographically



to the Turks, and President Elchibey was, of all the post-Soviet leaders, the most committed to a Turkic vision.

Since the 19th century, more extreme Turkish nationalists have dreamt of a great Turkic or Turanian federation stretching from the Aegean to the borders of China. The Young Turk leader, Enver Pasha, tried to implement this dream during the first world war. He died fighting against Soviet rule in Central Asia.

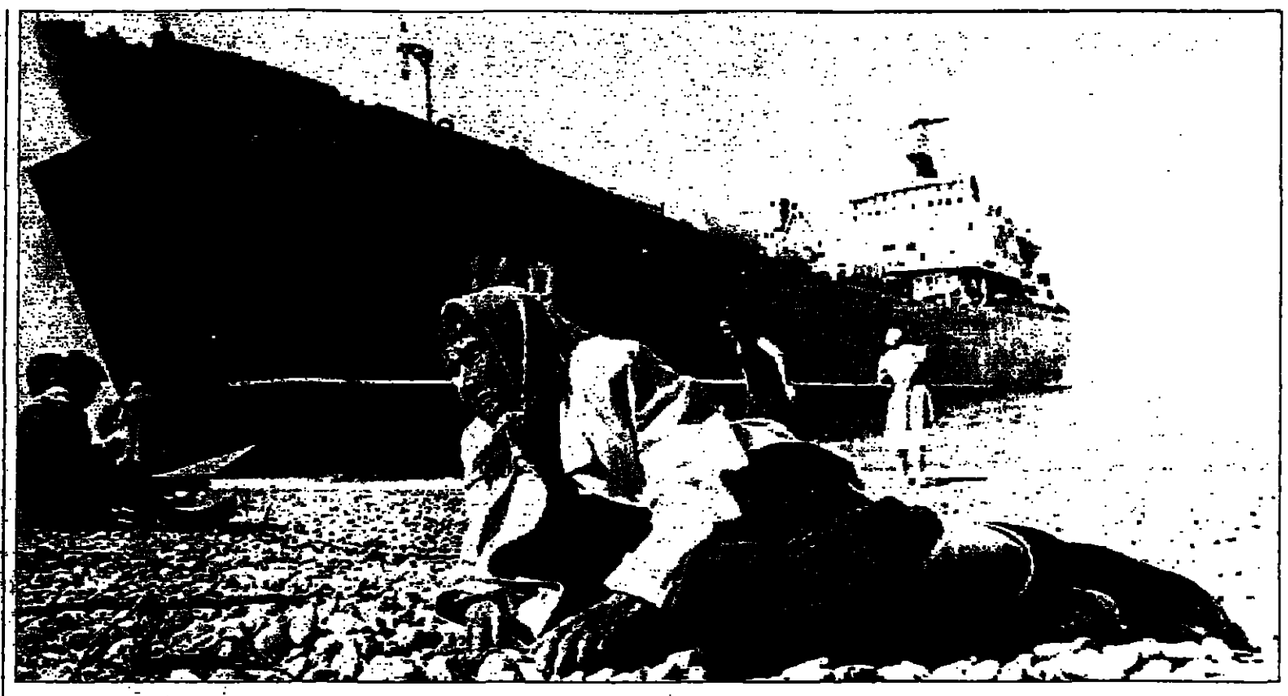
Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, Turkey has come to see the Turkic former Soviet republics as an important area of expansion for Turkish economic and political influence.

These moves cause corresponding fears among imperial circles in Russia. In recent months a number of articles have appeared in the Russian press, inspired by sources in the military, warning of the threat from the "new Turkish great power" and referring back to historical Russo-Turkish conflicts. This is used as an argument for the need to keep Russian military bases in Georgia, near the Turkish border.

Turkish diplomats point out that Turkey has exercised caution in its approach to the Caucasus, if only because of pressure from its Western allies. Ankara has studiously refrained from helping Azerbaijan with arms of military advisers in its struggle with Armenia.

Western observers believe Russia is backing the rebel forces of Colonel Husseinov, and point to the apparent invitation to the colonel to move into a Russian base evacuated in April. President Elchibey's pro-Turkish policies contributed not only to Russian hostility but also to his increasing unpopularity within Azerbaijan.

The Azerbaijani parliament yesterday issued a grovelling appeal to Colonel Husseinov, praising his military leadership and asking him to use it to defend Azerbaijan against the attacking Armenians. Only a handful of voices mentioned the illegality of his actions. In the words of Ali Karimov, state secretary: "Today is the end for all civilian politicians in Azerbaijan. If you allow the military to seize power once, it will happen again and again."



Evacuation beach: an exhausted refugee from the fighting between Abkhazian separatists and Georgian troops waiting on the stony shore at Sukhumi yesterday for someone to help her board a ship that will take her to safety. Georgian artillery fire killed three people and wounded nine near the village of Merkula in the Ochamchire area at the weekend, according to Abkhazian sources (AFP reports). The barrage was the second violation this month of the May 20 ceasefire. In the same part of the autonomous region, Abkhazian units reportedly wounded three people.

Caviar cartel fights cut-price Russians

From Christopher Walker in Tehran

IRAN has joined three caviar-producing former Soviet republics around the Caspian Sea, home of 90 per cent of the world's sturgeon, in a cartel to boost prices which have slumped since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Experts believe that the first meeting in Tehran this month between the four, to be followed by a second in August, is intended to revive the rigid control of caviar prices previously achieved by annual negotiations between Iran and the Soviet authorities. That arrangement went back to a 1927 agreement.

Assadoulah Akbarof, chief of Iran's state caviar trading company, said: "The idea is to keep prices high, preserve caviar's image as a high-quality product, prevent the upsurge in smuggling and control the resource, which is a million-year-old gift from God." We were sitting in his office, under a portrait of the late Ayatollah Khomeini, eating a breakfast of *sevruga* and sweet tea worth £328 (vodka is banned in Iran). Mr Akbarof declared that he had no problem reconciling the sale of caviar to rich Westerners with the ideals of the Islamic revolution. "Fancy foods did not come into that," he said.

Also present at the Tehran conference were representatives of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan. Russia, which has been undercutting Iranian prices by one-third, refused to attend.

While Iranian beluga, the prime caviar taken from the species of sturgeon with the longest life-expectancy, sells for £1,315 per kg (£598 per lb), Mr Akbarof said that in Poland he had come across peasants selling the smuggled Russian equivalent for £39.

Israeli ministerial fraud case threatens Rabin coalition

From Ben Lynfield in Jerusalem

THE corruption charges facing Arye Deri, the Israeli interior minister and the leader of the ultra-orthodox Shas party, threatened the stability of the coalition government of Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister, yesterday and its ability to make Middle East peace moves.

Eli Dayan, a Labour MP, said: "Arye Deri is a dominant figure in Shas and a dominant figure in its support for the peace process. We have a serious problem here, the most serious one since this government was formed."

Gad Ben-Ari, Mr Rabin's spokesman, said that the prime minister expected Rabbi Deri, 34, to fulfil a pledge to resign if he were indicted. Rabbi Deri still has the right to a hearing with Yosef Harish, the attorney-general, before formal charges are issued against him. Mr Harish informed Rabbi Deri on Sunday night that he would be charged with fraud, bribery and breach of public trust after a three-year police investigation. Most of the charges centre on misuse of taxpayers' funds for private purposes and for using illegal means to build up a vast Shas patronage network.



Deri: Rabin expects him to resign if indicted

Rabbi Deri served as kingmaker for Mr Rabin last June, convincing party rabbis to back the Labour leader and his espousal of trading land for peace with Israel's Arab neighbours. In exchange, the influence of Shas was expanded in state education and religious affairs.

Mr Dayan, braced for a protracted political crisis, said "quiet contacts" were under way in an attempt to lure the National Religious party and the United Torah Judaism party into filling the vacuum caused by a weakened Shas. However, he said he did not know whether those parties would go along with Labour's view of the peace process.

Rabbi Deri is the third member of Shas to face prosecution this year.

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Tokyo turmoil jeopardises hopes of G7 trade deals

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON AND JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

■ While the prospects loom large of yet another summit of world leaders incapable of making decisions, the fall of the Miyazawa cabinet could end Japanese protectionism

THE political power vacuum in Japan is likely to have a negative impact on decisions due to be taken at next month's Group of Seven meeting in Tokyo. It will affect progress towards a political breakthrough in the stalled world trade talks, which face an end-of-year deadline, and also in separate American-Japanese trade negotiations, which could drag beyond the original July deadline.

As the prospects loom large of yet another G7 meeting attended by world leaders incapable of making decisions, some important issues face the danger of remaining unresolved. One possible victim is the Washington-Tokyo trade agreement, a framework treaty to regulate fundamental aspects in their trading relationship, such as ways and means to cut Japan's surplus, and American companies' access to the Japanese market. The substance of the talks is politically sensitive in both countries, and it is most unlikely that a lame-duck Japanese government would muster the political courage and take steps towards resolving the differences.

However, the fall of the government of Kiichi Miyazawa and the anticipated concomitant demise of the de facto one-party domination of the political system will also have its upside, although this is more likely to be evident in the long run. A political system characterised by competing parties is less prone to protectionism and corporatism than a one-party state. Since the quality of American-Japanese relationships has changed in the postwar period, with trade and general economic policy playing an increasingly important role, the one-party corporatist state may no longer be the most suitable partner it once was.

For the birth of another political party in Tokyo last night, fanfares and banzai cheers were laid on for the television cameras as ten flushed and grinning political unknowns joined in the ceremony. They were united by their claims to introduce some form of political reform and by their common defection from the ruling Liberal Democratic party on Friday after the cabinet of Mr Miyazawa was defeated in a no-confidence motion.

The new party, tentatively called Sakigake (Pioneer), is led by Masayoshi Takemura, a former member of the LDP secretariat on political reform. Its overriding aim, according to Mr Takemura, is "to create a new form of politics in Japan which is capable of dealing with the pressing needs of the post-Cold War world ... Sakigake plans to clean up the unacceptably dirty and scandalous image of politics". At the launch of the party's campaign for the lower house election on July 18, Mr Takemura unveiled a platform which includes such bold moves as decentralising Japan by moving the capital out of Tokyo, but it did not clarify Sakigake's interpretation of the much-vaunted slogan political reform. "We are not going to make any hasty decisions on the details of reform or on who our allies might be," he said.

Reactions in the business community to the new party and to a proliferation of new self-styled reformist groups outside the LDP did not augur well for the likes of Mr Takemura. The Tokyo stock market plunged yesterday on news of the political turmoil.

□ **Tax allegation:** An official report claims that Shin Kanemaru, the former paymaster of the Liberal Democrats, was the nation's biggest individual tax-evader last year. It said that he failed to declare 1.85 billion yen (£10.4 million) received in illicit payments from companies. *(Reuter)*

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Toast of Tokyo: Crown Princess Masako arriving yesterday for a ceremony held by the Tokyo metropolitan government, at which about 8,000 people celebrated her marriage two weeks ago to Crown Prince Naruhito.



China watchers puzzle over envoy's script

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

SO overheated, not to say paranoid, is the atmosphere surrounding the Sino-British negotiations in Peking on the political future of Hong Kong that what would be ignored as cliché elsewhere suddenly takes on international importance.

Yesterday in the Chinese capital, the ambassador, Sir Robin McLaren, who is also the leader of the British negotiating team, observed: "I see no reason to think the talks will break down."

This reasonable enough surmise was immediately subjected to minute China-watching analysis. Was this good news? A dire signal of imminent collapse? Just something to say to the press? Or a real mystery that would have to be explained by future historians?

Sir Robin's gnomic remark came after more than a week of abuse from the Chinese side, who had come very close to calling him a liar, while accusing the British of insincerity and "playing little tricks".

The ambassador, who is normally the most closed-mouthed of diplomats, allowed himself a flash of irritation: "One does sometimes really question the sincerity of those who keep talking about sincerity."

What really annoys the Chinese is that Britain keeps the plan for moderate democracy in Hong Kong, devised by Chris Patten, the governor, on the table; Peking has regularly denounced these proposals and Mr Patten himself.

China wants the British to negotiate solely on the basis of the "three conformities" — the 1984 Sino-British Joint Declaration, China's Basic Law for the post-1997 period, and the seven letters between Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, and his Chinese counterpart in 1997, which Peking insists were an agreement, thus making the Patten plan illegitimate — but Britain describes as an "epistolary discussion".

But not all the overheating comes from the Chinese side. British officials privately are using words like "impatient" and "frustrated" to describe their mood, and even go so far as to say: "These talks are going nowhere."

This prompted the official Chinese news agency, Xinhua, to say yesterday that "the British are playing a series of tricks ... and one should not place too much hope in the next round of talks", which is due to begin in two days.



Sir Robin: displayed a moment of irritation

Peking seeks to mollify peasants

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

PEKING has introduced emergency measures aimed at mollifying China's 900 million peasants in an effort to avoid a repeat of riots in the southwest.

In a decree issued yesterday, the state council cancelled 37 levies on peasants, saying they were imposed by force and were unreasonable. Earlier this month 10,000 peasants in Renshou county in the province of Sichuan ransacked government offices and kidnapped officials in protest at having to donate cash for the building of a highway.

Chen Junsheng, a state councillor, described the ban as "not only a simple economic matter, but also a political issue". He sharply rebuked the local officials who had imposed such charges and told them not to disregard the ban and not to try to find loopholes.

The list of 37 levies gives some idea of the great number of financial demands imposed on the peasants, whose income rose only 5 per cent last year, well below the rate of inflation. There are levies for building toilets, rat-catching, building schools and provision of electricity, all things traditionally provided free by the state. Indeed, the list is just a taste of the vast number of levies in existence. In theory, they should not add up to more than 5 per cent of peasant income, but in fact they represent far more. The average per capita income in the countryside last year was only 770 yuan (£88), less than half the average. Peasants complain that they are being bled by the levies at a time when their real income is dropping.

Yet the cash-flow problem in the countryside is just one of Peking's economic headaches. Yesterday the state statistical bureau issued figures that pointed to a rapidly overheating economy.

Last week China's finance minister appealed for people to buy state bonds, complaining that, of the annual issue worth 30 billion yuan, only a third had been sold. Even the interest rate of 14 per cent, however, looks unattractive when set against the inflation rate. Instead, consumers are spending their money on durables such as television sets and more reliable hard currencies such as gold and US dollars.

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Christopher's treadmill of gloom leaves America without a vision

America's foreign policy has been characterised by confusion, contradiction and retreats, writes ***Martin Fletcher*** *from Washington*

THE Clinton administration is just five months old, but many in Washington are already asking whether Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, will survive the course.

The monkish 67-year-old lawyer has enjoyed a couple of successes — timely support for President Yeltsin and resuscitating the Middle East peace talks. But in general the foreign policy of the world's only superpower has, under this administration, been characterised by confusion, retreats and a lack of guiding principles that have alarmed allies abroad and internationalists at home.

The latest example is the administration's acceptance of Bosnia-Herzegovina's partition if the belligerents "honestly and genuinely" agree to such a plan. Leaving aside the fact that Bosnia's Muslim-led government would be negotiating with a gun almost literally at its head, this is a reversal of the administration's previous insistence that, as Mr Christopher said on February 10, "internationally recognised borders should not be altered by force". Indeed, the administration initially refused to endorse the Vance-Owen peace plan because it rewarded Serb aggression, and the territorial rewards in that were comparatively minor.

Under Mr Christopher's stewardship, the United States has retreated from its threats of military intervention in the Balkan conflict. It has extended China's preferential trading status, deferring until next year its insistence on greater human rights, and it has reneged on its pledge to give Haitian boat people refuge. The Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the North American Free Trade Agreement are effectively on ice while the administration struggles to develop a trade policy.

In May, Mr Christopher embarked on a disastrous trip to Europe, believing he could persuade the allies to arm Bosnia's Muslims despite all their diplomatic signalling to the contrary. Earlier this month, Peter Tarnoff, the State Department's third-ranking official, suggested to journalists that America was too poor to continue providing global leadership on a Cold War scale. Mr Christopher personally telephoned reporters disavowing Mr Tarnoff's statements.

American commentators have variously dubbed Mr Christopher the "Secretary of Shhhhh" and "the most inept Secretary of State since Edward Stettinius", who served for eight months in 1944. "There's a pervasive sense of unease about the administration's foreign policy," said one leading Republican senator's adviser on international affairs. "They come across as amateurs."

A more fundamental criticism of Mr Christopher is that, beyond a rhetorical commitment to human rights and the advancement of democracy, he has failed to articulate any coherent "Clinton doctrine" for the post-Cold War world, at a time of extreme fluidity in global affairs.

Even Mr Christopher's detractors concede that he is dependable, experienced and a good crisis manager. He remains one of the president's most trusted advisers, speaking to him daily. But, as one prominent Democratic strategist complained, he cannot provide the sort of "creativity and conceptual imagination", let alone the inspired leadership, that the world and the moment require.

This source pointed to the nine foreign policy "accomplishments" that Mr Christopher trumpeted in a confidential cable to all American ambassadors this month. "The list is emblematic of the problem. It's a grab-bag of things" with no common thread, he said.

Mr Christopher has laboured under unusual difficulties. The lack of an immediate external threat, a president elected on a domestic platform and America's economic frailty all militate against an expansive new foreign policy. As he tirelessly points out, he inherited an agenda "overflowing with crises and potential disasters", of which Bosnia was merely the foremost.

He has admitted his slow start, but claims he is now able to begin promoting a positive agenda of "preventative diplomacy". A year from now, he insists, American foreign policy will be transformed.



Confused message: a lack of guiding principles in foreign affairs from Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, has alarmed America's allies abroad

Clinton urged to lift Hanoi loan ban

By Martin Fletcher

PRESIDENT Clinton's top advisers are recommending that he end America's opposition to international loans for Vietnam, a move that could lead to a lifting of a crippling US trade embargo dating from the Vietnam war.

Japan and France are spearheading an effort to help Hanoi repay $140 million (£92 million) in old debts to the International Monetary Fund, making it eligible for new loans. In April, the administration asked its two allies to hold off while it checked new allegations concerning missing US servicemen. It has now discounted those claims, and the advisers last week concluded that Mr Clinton should allow the French and Japanese to proceed.

If the president accepts that advice, American businesses would redouble their efforts to have the trade embargo lifted because they would be barred from bidding for Vietnamese projects financed by new international loans and underwritten by American taxpayers' money. Already the businesses contend that they are losing out to European and Asian competitors, who have been moving into Vietnam in defiance of the embargo.

The advisers are reportedly split on whether the embargo, due for renewal in September, should be lifted. Many Vietnam veterans and families of missing servicemen want the trade ban maintained, and Mr Clinton is politically vulnerable on the issue because of his own draft avoidance.

Mandela to seek Buthelezi accord

From Ray Kennedy in Johannesburg

THE South African government and the African National Congress are anxious that their leaders should travel to the US next week armed with agreements that will enable President Clinton to lift remaining economic sanctions, particularly the US veto on IMF and World Bank lending.

This is the background to the announcement that Nelson Mandela, president of the ANC, and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, chief minister of the KwaZulu homeland and leader of the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party, are to meet tomorrow for only the second time in three years. The meeting will be chaired by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Bishop Stanley Mogoba of the Methodist church and vice-chairman of the National Peace Accord.

Mr Mandela and President de Klerk fly to the US next week to receive freedom awards from President Clinton on American Independence Day, at which he is expected to announce a package of proposals to bolster the South African economy. But this depends on agreement being reached in South Africa on a firm election date and the setting up of a transitional executive council.

At least 34 blacks were killed in Natal over the weekend, 13 in one district alone, police and political groups said. Most of the murders were related to the power struggle between the ANC and Inkatha.

Millions of letters deluge president

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come to call you president because you're not acting like one; maybe a small child that has been spoiled."

Many are generated by political pressure groups fighting the radical changes Mr Clinton is proposing. And Mrs Clinton, whose activism as First Lady has also been controversial, receives a record 20,000 letters weekly.

But another explanation is that ordinary Americans relate to Mr Clinton in a way they never did with his more aloof or patrician predecessors. They send him coupons for hamburgers, T-shirts and jogging shorts, recipes for losing weight or curing his allergies, medical bills and, poignantly, war medals. Their letters usually begin "Dear Bill and Hillary", rarely "Dear Mr President".

"Most people write to this president the way you would write to a friend," said Lillie Bell, director of White House mail analysis and a 24-year veteran at the job. "There is no awe in the letters."

Mr Clinton is shown a small cross-section of the letters every Friday and replies to a few in person. (Letters to Socks get a postcard with a paw print in return). He calls the sheer volume a "great problem for democracy" but nevertheless welcomes it.

"It says that despite the president's negative poll ratings people still have their fingers crossed for him," Stan Greenberg, the president's pollster, told *The New York Times*. "People are hurting and they're scared and they are worried that he won't succeed, but they're still hoping otherwise. They wouldn't be writing to him if they did not think there was still a reason to appeal to him."

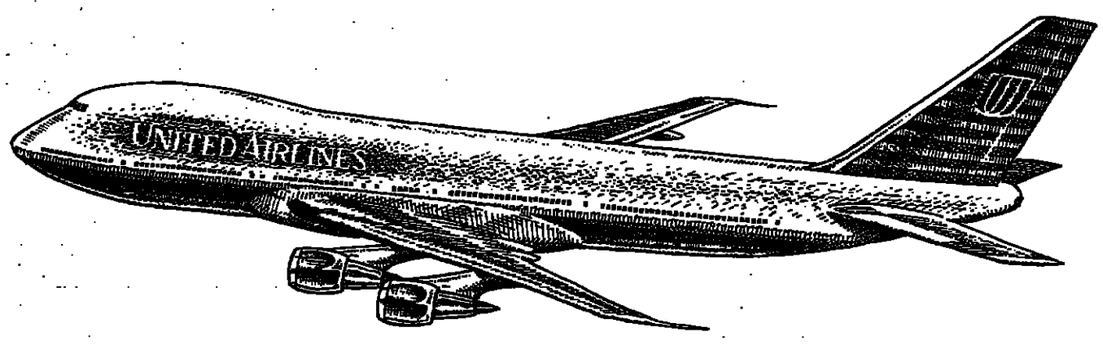
One nine-year-old wrote: "My granny said you want me to pay the national debt. I don't have a job yet, but I'll get one soon. If the Reagans spent all that money and they are rich, why me? $4,000 billion. If I get older and I don't want to pay it and Reagan has died, how do I call the police?".

As it happens, my own family recently had direct experience of Mr Clinton's approachability. At a White House reception for journalists, my wife accosted the president and told him that our daughter, nine, was upset that her letter congratulating him on his election had gone unanswered.

Mr Clinton immediately scribbled on a scrap of paper: "Dear Hannah, I'm sorry we have not replied to your letter. We have received three million. Thanks for writing, Bill Clinton." The presidential scribble — no doubt like many other, more formal replies from the White House — is now framed and has pride of place on my daughter's bedroom wall.



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Eddy Shah, the man who bulldozed the print unions, is writing novels with the same energy. **Walter Ellis** met him

Eddy Shah is not a believer in the garret principle of literature. There is no austere hideaway for him, divorced from the cares of the world, in which he composes his epics accompanied only by a flask of coffee, a dictionary and a well-thumbed copy of *Roget's Thesaurus*.

"I don't look upon myself as a an artist," he says. "I hate that word. I think of myself as a craftsman."

As he churns out his thrillers, the latest of which, *Manchester Blue*, is published by Doubleday on Thursday, he gets on with his other, myriad business interests. He keeps an eye on the television screen to his right, filled with financial information, "in case I have to move an odd million around". He also deals with telephone calls and shouts out regularly to his secretary, demanding answers to questions that have sprung into his mind. It is the way he functions best. His life has always been unstructured and panic-driven, and his books, in the best sense, reflect as much.

Manchester Blue is an everyday story of drugs folk, riven with brutality, betrayal, incest and casual slaughter, in which a devoutly Christian Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, determined to stamp out crime (who on earth can he mean?), brings his estranged brother, an agent with the US Drug Enforcement Agency, across from Texas to join his lonely crusade.

In the book, many of Shah's unashamedly robust views come through. The only way to deal with drug pushers, including the blacks of Moss Side and the Triads of Chinatown, is big guns and hand grenades, and within a hundred pages the body count is approaching Bosnian proportions. Yet Shah is no redneck, and he realises that criminal ingenuity will always find a way to survive. The book ends somewhat bleakly, with a new generation of pushers taking tentatively to the streets while the big battalions on all sides count the cost of their bloody encounter.

Ten years ago, Shah, now 49, was a controversial, even pivotal, figure in British life. He it was who first took on the print unions, then attempting to "normalise" relations between him and his employees at the highly successful Messenger newspaper group, in Warrington. Famously, the unions failed. Shah stood up to them with the finesse, and strength, of a bulldozer, and won a key victory in the Thatcher revolution, for which the lady was profoundly grateful.

Shah was emboldened to launch *Today*, a mid-market tabloid, using entirely new technology, but was unable to prevent it being technology's first newspaper casualty, killed off by the imperfections of its gadgetry. His last attempt at becoming a British press baron ended ignominiously when a sadly ill-thought-out venture, *The Post* — known in Fleet Street as *The Smudge* — folded almost as soon as it began. Soon after, he sold the Messenger group titles, still highly profitable, for £25 million and embarked on a new career as a writer and transatlantic property tycoon. The break, typically, was final, and he has not stepped inside a newspaper office for four years.



Shah: "I've always prided myself on not being an intellectual"

These days, Shah has luxury homes in Mobberley, Cheshire, and Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and divides his time almost equally between Britain and America. He is, like many right wingers, a devoted family man and distinctly personable — the sort of interviewee who asks questions in return and appears interested in the answers.

He has the build of an ox, but moves gracefully. He studies what you are doing, how you take your notes, and inwardly awards marks out of 10 for technique. I think I got a seven. His considerable wealth relaxes him. He knows that "the struggle", such as it was, ended years ago and that, from here on in, it is how he plays the game that counts, and the diversion it affords him.

He was not born to business. Rather, it was something within him. His father, of Iranian extraction, had started out as a diplomat and ended up a respected international maritime lawyer. His mother came from a prominent Cambridge family. Young Eddy, living with his grandparents throughout much of his childhood as his parents travelled the world, scribbled away from an early age, but always felt himself a doer, not a thinker. "I've always prided myself on not being an intellectual," he says, cheerfully defying a rebuke.

> He flies himself to key locations in his private jet

Despite his lack of a university education (he did not feel smart enough to benefit), he is well-read and reels off Thomas Wolf and Lawrence Durrell as among his early influences. He wrote his first, unpublished, novel *Cornice* at the age of 16, and describes it today, with no obvious embarrassment, as "East meets West Mills & Boon". A television drama *Caleb* followed, which he says was very nearly put on as a Wednesday Play, and then *Herd*, based on Nietzsche's theory that there should be just one herd and no herdsman.

Crucially, Shah moved north, to Manchester, to work for Granada, where he met his wife, Jennifer, a model and one of the "faces of the sixties", but then walked out rather than get stuck with the endless grind of *Coronation Street*. A brief period as a salesman for Yellow Pages followed, which taught him about cash flow and standard business practice. Then came his first local paper and the first indications of his rendezvous with history.

Years on, cushioned like a caliph with wealth ("I have no sense of money; I like creation"), he relishes his freedom. It was Jennifer who suggested he go back to writing, and the result, in 1991, was *Ring of Red Roses*, a highly competent debut performance bringing together the fall of the Berlin Wall, a royal visit to Moscow and an SAS man's desperate efforts to help prevent global chaos.

The Lucy Ghosts, a less happy confection, involving (inevitably) another SAS man and neo-nazi stirrings in Germany, followed, and then *Manchester Blue*. He currently writes about 2,000 words a day, in one of three identical offices (same desk, same computer, same layout, same window configuration) in Stockport, Mobberley and Florida. A lot of research goes into his books. He flies himself to key locations in his private jet and uses his connections to spend time with government officials, businessmen and agencies like the FBI. During these visits, he tries to come up with solutions to seemingly intractable problems, and recently told the US authorities they should end the American drug problem by bombing Colombia.

Before I leave his Stockport office (once owned by Barlow-Clowes), he shows me bits and pieces of his assorted memorabilia lying at the back like so much junk. "Those are the clubs Jack Nicklaus won the '68 Open with. That's one of only two concave-headed sand wedges in the world. I bought it for £2,000 ten years ago. The other went for £46,000 earlier this year. And that's an antique Nikkon. I collect cameras as well. The photographs there are of some of my classic cars. The bloody things are worth £5 million now." He smiles broadly, an eccentric curator in a museum of his own devising.

I leave to be chauffered back to my train. Shah waves goodbye. "He's a good boss," says Tony, his driver, who also housesits for him for half the year. "Very generous. I've never made a better move." Moss Side, with its violence, race problems and drugs, so lovingly chronicled in *Manchester Blue*, seems a world away, and fading.

To Mr Clinton, another brother

Ben Macintyre on a new sibling for the president

To have one step-brother, from president Clinton's point of view, may be regarded as a misfortune: to end up with two, just six months into his presidency, looks like carelessness.

This weekend the Clinton family, already boasting a cast of characters colourful enough for an Arkansas soap opera, received a new addition: Henry Leon Ritzenthaler, 55, a retired Californian janitor who claims his father was William Jefferson Blythe — the president's natural father who died a few weeks before Mr Clinton was born.

The Clinton-Blythe family tree is a thing of many branches and odd graftings but the genealogy, supported by birth and marriage records, goes like this: in 1935 Mr Blythe married Adele Gash, a childhood friend from Texas. In 1938 Miss Gash gave birth to Henry Leon, of whom Mr Blythe was the father although the couple had by then divorced.

The volume of evidence assembled by *The Washington Post*, which broke the story on Sunday, makes it highly unlikely that Mr Ritzenthaler is a fraud. Miss Gash then went on to marry one Charles Ritzenthaler, a police chief in Brawley, California, and the infant Henry Leon took his name. Mr Blythe later married Virginia Kelley, who gave birth to William Jefferson in 1946. When Ms Kelley married Roger Clinton Snr, after Mr Blythe died in a car crash, the future president also adopted his step-father's name.

In the past presidential brothers have often proved to be liabilities. Henry Leon Ritzenthaler, however, may be different. The man who ran his own janitorial service until his retirement ten years ago due to a heart condition has lived an irreproachable, utterly conventional American life. Last July he wrote to Mr Clinton, not in search of fame and fortune, but asking for help in tracing the family history.

Mr Ritzenthaler told *The New York Post*: "It would be an honour and a pleasure to meet the man," adding: "He's under so much pressure. I don't want to push it... I'm not in it for the publicity."



Sibling: Henry Leon Ritzenthaler

Mr Clinton, however, needs all the good publicity he can get and a televised reunion with the half-brother he never knew in the appropriately humble surroundings of Mr Ritzenthaler's home in, believe it or not, Paradise, California might be what the president requires to polish up his image as a populist and a family man.

Moreover Mr Ritzenthaler's wife, Judy, is a hairdresser. Not one of those $300-a-pop breed, but a real, honest to goodness clip-and-setter. This could be crucial.

Mr Ritzenthaler is also a registered Republican, but he voted for Bill Clinton "because of the man he is, not because he's my brother". What better way of could there be of reminding Americans of the benefits of bi-partisanship, and the fact that so many other Republicans also put their faith in Mr Clinton?

This is not the first time a Clinton relative has popped up. In February Dianne Welch, a step-sister of the president as a result of Ms Kelley's third marriage to yet another hairdresser named Jeff Dwire, announced she was being ignored by the White House. Ms Welch, 46, spent six years in a Texas jail for armed robbery and drug offenses and Mr Clinton has gone right on ignoring her.

But Mr Ritzenthaler is made of more televisual stuff: he is a blood-relative, and he has not sold his story to the press to cause trouble but asks only for "a phone call or a letter from the man saying 'Hey, I know you're alive'."

The only problem is Mr Ritzenthaler's health which, as *The New York Post* was quick to point out, "raises questions about Clinton's own health, as cardiac ailments can be hereditary".

As yet the president has remained suggestively silent on the subject of his new family ties; but even if he feels he could do without another step-brother, the needs of the presidency may come first and blood, as everyone knows, is thicker than water — particularly if you are swimming against the political tide.

Hero on the home front

General de Gaulle is to look down again on Londoners

Tomorrow, the Queen Mother is to unveil a statue in Carlton Gardens to one of the wartime figures who helped inspire Londoners through those most difficult times, General Charles de Gaulle.

I remember well how tall he walked at 4, Carlton Gardens, where in 1940 I worked as receptionist, interpreter, hostess and cashier. His large *bureau*, with its high ceiling and windows overlooking St James's Park, was icy with no heating. I was 20 and my job was to help new arrivals from France and overseas to find their way around London, interpreting for them and sorting out their payment in a strange currency for meals taken in the restaurant.

Once Churchill had given his approval to the plan, de Gaulle laboured to set up a Free French movement which soon saw him establish his own *quartier general*. Free French military, naval and air force vehicles filled the street outside, resplendent with the insignia of the *Forces Françaises Libres*. Emerging from their new headquarters they wore uniforms that were as strange to the eyes of Londoners as were those of the many other Allied forces who were at that time continuing the fight from these shores.

Armed with street maps of London, the new arrivals struggled with the English language, the black-out, driving on the left with blinkered lights, minimal street-lighting and air-raids. Learning to queue and dumbfounded at the self-discipline of the British, they watched in disbelief as drivers waited patiently for traffic lights to turn green, even when enemy aircraft were overhead.

In a hurried dash for the S-bend of the sand-bagged entrance one day, the General and I were neck and neck as guns thundered in Hyde Park. Propelling me forward, he bent to insinuate his great height into the narrow aperture. Though coffee and tea with National Dried Milk and Naafi biscuits were delivered by trolley to the various offices, the General, not a man to miss a meal, never ate or drank between them. I remember nearly dislocating my neck to look up into those sorrowful eyes, the drooping lids, the chin drawn back into the khaki collar.



Bureau aide: Helen Long

Then there were the telephone calls from home and occasionally shopping for Madame de Gaulle. Speaking little English when they arrived, the family settled into wartime Britain. Renting a furnished house for £14 1s 8d a month, and agreeing to give a month's notice and to keep the garden in good order, their first real home was in Petts Wood, Kent.

The lady of the house introduced Mme de Gaulle to their Express Dairy milkman and all the local shop-keepers, and during their first week, women in the road clubbed together to buy a basket of fruit and flowers decorated with red, white and blue ribbon to which was attached their card of good wishes. Before she left, Mme de Gaulle called on them all individually with thanks for their kind welcome.

From Petts Wood to Shropshire, they moved on to Berkhampstead and thence to Hampstead, the chauffeur carrying their young daughter, Anne, who suffered from Down's syndrome, to and from cars and aircraft.

Anne was cherished by her family, devotedly cared for by her nurses; the General being very sensitive on her account, was to bear the cross of his beloved little daughter in war and peace. Elizabeth, their elder daughter, was preparing to go up to Oxford, and Philippe, their only son, was serving as a cadet in the Free French Navy in Scotland.

Their family life was very private, de Gaulle entertaining guests or new arrivals to join his forces at the Connaught Hotel or the Savoy. He would often lunch at the Connaught or, as an honorary member, at the Cavalry Club, for he was a tank man. As he walked with one of his two aides-de-camp to and from Carlton Gardens, he would often be recognised.

Today he lies buried in Colombey-Les-Deux-Eglises in the Haute-Marne with "*ma pauvre petite fille Anne*". His son married and is now an Admiral. Elizabeth married an officer in the French army, now General d'Armee Alain de Boissieu. But little Anne died in 1948, in her twentieth year. At the edge of the grave, as the earth was scattered on her coffin, General de Gaulle took his wife's hand in his. "Come," he said. "Now, she is the same as everyone else."

HELEN LONG



English country garden: the de Gaulles at their adopted home in 1940

With graduate unemployment standing at 200,000, and rising, is there any point in going to university?

Major's army of misfits

When Andy Thompson went up to Oxford in 1987 he was pretty sure what his future would bring. He was reading law and thought that if he kept his head down and obtained a good degree, an interesting and eventually lucrative career was guaranteed. Three years later he graduated with a 2.1. Two years later he is still unemployed and has debts of £8,000.

When Mr Thompson and his friends went to university they were Thatcher's children, who watched the students in the years above go straight from the exam rooms into Armani suits and starting salaries of £25,000. By the time they left they were Major's misfits. Now they consider that their investment in education may have been as misguided as the speculations of others in property.

Mr Thompson says: "You assume that if you toe the line and go through all the right hoops, you will be all right. I was sure that if I got a 2.1 I would never look back. Instead, I have been through two years of purgatory. Any job I could find would be a school-leaver's job. It renders going to university pretty pointless."

His story is a frightening omen for the thousands of graduates who are just coming around from their post-finals hangover. Prospects for graduate employment have never been bleaker.

The Institute of Manpower Studies predicts that more than one in six of this year's university and college leavers will still be out of work at the beginning of 1994, a near quadrupling of the figure of three years ago. They will join the estimated 200,000 graduates — one in 15 of all unemployed — who are out of work already.

These statistics hide the fact that many of the graduates with jobs may be doing work far below their capacities. The average graduate will have debts of £1,750 and cannot afford to wait around.

The annual report of the Oxford University careers service, which came out last month, said there had been a 25 per cent increase in those taking manual or clerical jobs, including positions as shop assistants or hotel workers.

The joke now going around campuses is: What can you expect from an English graduate with a first-class honours degree? Answer: A Big Mac and fries.

Sarah Fahey, aged 24, graduated from Edinburgh two years ago with a degree in civil engineering. For the past year she has been stuffing envelopes in the Lord Chancellor's office. "I'm not using my brain at all," she says. "In fact, I'm afraid it's atrophying and that soon I will be completely unemployable.

> 'You have to remind yourself that you are able'

"When I chose my course, companies were crying out for engineers. I worked for a while after graduating but then, because it was not exactly what I wanted to do, I packed it in to go travelling. I did not appreciate the gravity of the situation. I got back a year ago and have been sending off hundreds of applications, but without even an interview."

What angers Miss Fahey is that higher education is continuously expanding, with the emphasis on technical subjects. The latest figures available show that 1.18 million people were in higher education in 1991, compared to 827,000 ten years before that. "It makes no sense at all if there is no work for them at the end."

According to Toni Orloff, aged 24, who left the University of East Anglia last summer with a 2.1 in French and European studies, the worst problem for a graduate is the battle not to lose self-respect.

She has been through "a year of hell", drifting through a variety of menial jobs, alternating with spells on income support.

"Often you feel like just giving up, going away and leaving it all behind," she says. "You have to remind yourself constantly that you are able, competent and clever, and to fight to stay motivated."

Miss Orloff is unsure what career she would eventually like to pursue, but is determined to keep all options open. "I'm trying desperately hard to avoid being sucked into a boring job just because it's stable," she says.

"I see so many people with so much to give, whose talents are being wasted. All my friends had been so full of ideas; then they all got scared of being left on the shelf, and became accountants."

Tony Raban, the head of Cambridge University careers service, says that many of the students he sees are worried and depressed. Applications for postgraduate studies have rocketed.

He adds, however, that students are changing their attitudes — with more positive results. "I think students have learnt that they cannot just sit there and wait for the offers to flood in," he explains. "They know they have to be very persistent and that they must try to create opportunities. Many are going for the back, rather than the front door, and in the end they will get there, although there is no doubt it will take longer."

John Greer, the director of University of Kent's careers service, agrees. "In the short term there will be a disparity between the number of jobs available to graduates and the number graduating. There will be a settling-down period of about 12 months."

What frightens Mr Thompson and his peers is that by the time the economy improves, they will have passed their sell-by date.

"Things will get better but it may be too late for the people who graduated with me and in 1992 and 1993," he says. "Employers will be looking for someone fresher and some of our skills will be out of date.

"We may become a limbo generation."

JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH

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The European leader with a nasty pain in the posterior, and the dangers of too much salt

On Jacques's nerves


Back pain: Jacques Delors


MEDICAL BRIEFING
Dr Thomas Stuttaford

EVEN THE most ardent Eurosceptic who has suffered the pain from a disc lesion would have sympathy and fellow feeling with Jacques Delors, the president of the European Commission, who is suffering from sciatica.

Sciatica is the severe pain originating in the lower back which radiates down to the buttock and usually one but sometimes both legs and into the foot. The pain is made worse by every movement, particularly if it involves lifting. Blowing the nose, coughing or sneezing can also exacerbate it.

Sciatica is so named because it is caused by pressure on one of the nerves which form the sciatic plexus, a complex junction of nerves leading away from the spinal cord rather like a telephone junction box. From it is formed the great sciatic nerve which supplies the nerve supply of the muscles and surface of the lower limbs.

The exact distribution of the pain will depend on which of the spinal nerve routes has been affected by the disc lesion.

The most common cause of sciatic pain is a prolapsed intervertebral. In this condition, the weakening of the disc material near a nerve route prolapses and thereby causes irritation of the nerve route.

Although the obvious immediate cause of a disc lesion is injury following heavy lifting or by lifting an object awkwardly, the risk is increased if the patient is in poor physical condition, over-tired or over-tensed.

Has M Delors been overworking or spending sleepless nights worrying about the British approach to Maastricht? Or is M Delors's lifestyle so busy that he is unable to take the regular physical exercises needed to keep his back muscles in tone?

It could be that he is travelling too much, hunched and worried, in a Euro official's limousine. Lifting after a long and tiring car drive will often precipitate disc trouble.

Sciatica may also be induced by other causes of nerve route irritation. In osteoarthritis, small spikes of bone may press on a nerve route; in other cases, a tumour can cause the same symptoms.

After accurate diagnoses the only treatment which may be necessary is a restructured lifestyle and with it a carefully controlled exercise regime.

Contrary to popular belief, complete rest may be helpful in minimising the pain but it does not expedite recovery.

Taking anti-inflammatory agents, ranging from the over-the-counter remedies such as Asprin, Vegamin, Anadin and preparations containing ibuprofen (such as Nurofen), to such drugs as Voltarol, diclofenac or Indocid can make a sciatica patient's life easier.

Mild tranquillisers can also be used for a short time, not only to help relax spinal muscles which have gone into spasm but, as the patient may be generally very tense, they can help to speed recovery. If the pain persists for more than a week or two, particularly if it causes severe muscle weakness, or if it induces problems with the bladder or bowels, surgical intervention is needed.

Now that the site of the trouble can be accurately located by Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scanning, this is undertaken sooner rather than later.

Sickening peril in the nursery

EVERY reader of children's adventure stories knows that if a shipwrecked mariner's strength of will faltered, so that to quench his thirst he drank salty seawater, he would make death from dehydration faster and more certain.

Although it was accepted in the nursery that salt in the seawater would upset the body's delicate chemical balance, sometimes with fatal results, the first-aid books which were contemporary with G. A. Henty's yarns advocated salt as an emetic.

This advice lingers on, and it is still not unusual to find that concentrated salt solutions have been given to make someone sick after they have taken some noxious substance. In fact, not only is excessive salt as dangerous, when it is dissolved in a tumbler as it is in the sea, but it is a very ineffective emetic.

This was demonstrated at the inquest on the seven-year-old boy who died after his parents had given him a salty solution in an attempt to make him vomit.

No attempt should be made to make a child vomit if they have swallowed any of the usual under-the-sink household cleaners or disinfectants.

The substance may well have burned the mouth and the oesophagus; they will burn for a second time if the child is made to vomit the corrosive chemical back again. Inducing vomiting is a useful first-aid measure when somebody has swallowed an overdose of pills or a child has taken poisonous berries or inedible fungi. Another cause of poisoning in children is alcohol.

If a child has played at being an adult by finishing off their parent's drink, or liberally helping themselves to the whisky bottle, vomiting should be induced.

It is often possible, but not always, to make somebody sick by putting the fingers down the back of the throat and stirring them around. When this does not induce vomiting, chemical methods must be used.

Heavy doses of mustard and water are as dangerous in such situations as using salty water.

Fortunately syrup of ipecacuanha can be given and this is almost invariably effective. The dose is two teaspoonfuls for a one-year-old, or four teaspoonfuls for a three-year-old. Washed down with a glass of water, the stomach empties within half an hour.

After the ipecacuanha is given, parents should always telephone for their doctor or the hospital. The child, together with the substance which has been swallowed, should then be taken to the doctor or the hospital.

Is cancer all in the mind?

Argument rages over the theory that patients can worry themselves to an early grave. **Simon Wessely** reports


SIMON TOWNSLEY
Under attack: Hans Eysenck's theory that personality can be linked to cancer is questioned

There is little new in the suggestion that cancer has psychological origins. For many years it was thought that depression was a cause of cancer, although a recent long-term study, published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, found no evidence for this, suggesting, instead, that depression is an early sign of cancer.

The argument continues, but one curious aspect is that, although imputing a psychological origin to any presumed organic disease usually causes dissension and passion, the debate over cancer has been conducted at a relatively low temperature. Until recently, that is. The normally calm pages of the *British Medical Journal* have carried a series of critical articles questioning the basis of what must be the most extraordinary claims ever made for the origin of cancer. At the heart of the dispute lies the ever controversial figure of Hans Eysenck, until recently professor of psychology at the Institute of Psychiatry, and his Croat collaborator, Ronald Grossath-Maticek.

Grossath-Maticek, and later Eysenck, have long put forward the idea of the cancer-prone personality. They were not the originators of the theory that a certain personality style, loosely interpreted as someone who bottles up their emotions and cannot deal with external stress, is associated with a range of cancers, but they are among its most enthusiastic proponents.

In the late 1960s, after an 11-year study, Grossath-Maticek presented data suggesting that people with this style of personality were more likely to develop cancer. Of 901 people with this personality, 347 died of cancer. Of 946 people with what the researchers regarded as a healthy personality, only three died of cancer; people with the unhealthy personality were 121 times more likely to develop cancer. This finding was staggering — yet it was virtually ignored. It was just too unbelievable.

Grossath-Maticek embarked on a further series of studies to prove his detractors wrong. He undertook a clinical trial, in which people identified as having the cancer-prone personality were divided into two groups. One received a form of psychotherapy designed to alter their personality, the others nothing. It worked dramatically: none of the 50 who received the treatment died of cancer, while 16 of the controls did die from cancer.

Yet still no one took much notice. Finally, Eysenck and Grossath-Maticek conducted a further randomised trial, published two years ago in *Behaviour Research and Therapy*. Group therapy again seemed to prevent cancer. Untreated subjects were six times more likely to die of cancer, and three times more likely to die of heart disease.

Despite everything, many doctors continued to ignore these findings, particularly cancer specialists. However, no one can still claim ignorance of the work, since two psychiatrists have used the pages of the *British Medical Journal* of tackle Eysenck and Grossath-Maticek head on.

In a penetrating article, Tony Pelosi and Louis Appleby subjected Eysenck and Grossath-Maticek's series of papers to a critical analysis, which they have followed up with a second piece this week. According to the two psychiatrists, who had both trained at the Institute of Psychiatry, the claims were too good to be true.

First, those with the cancer-prone personality died at an extraordinary rate — 121 times faster than the controls. Second, it is generally regarded as difficult, if not impossible, to change a person's personality. Personality is established by the end of adolescence and psychiatrists who try to it usually have immense patience and forbearance, and are happy to see even minor changes.

What was being claimed by Grossath-Maticek was not only an effective way of altering personality, but something even more extraordinary. Grossath-Maticek wrote a book which contained all the treatment details itself. All that he then needed to do was give it to the patient and discuss the details — apparently resulting in the same success.

Of course, Professor Eysenck, the most influential psychologist of modern times, has faced many assaults before (including, unforgivably, physical ones). It would take more than a couple of psychiatrists to ruffle him.

And so it proved. His replies made no concessions to his critics. In essence, his reply was "either you believe these findings, or you don't". He was certainly correct on one point. If his results are true, then doctors have been scandalously negligent in ignoring what is the most dramatic breakthrough in the treatment of cancer for many years.

So is the medical establishment making a catastrophic mistake? Probably not. The literature on the psychological causation of cancer is complex and contradictory. It seems unlikely that an effect as massive as that claimed by Eysenck and Grossath-Maticek could have gone unnoticed.

Of greater concern is that this affair has drawn attention away from the real progress that has been made in the psychological management of cancer. In a series of careful studies spread over many years, British psychiatrists and psychologists have described the psychological impact of both the diagnosis of cancer and the painful treatments that frequently follow. They have shown the effect of coping strategies on the prognosis of breast cancer — those who show either a "fighting spirit", or those who deny that there is any danger, seem to do better.

Suggesting that psychological factors can influence prognosis seems more plausible than suggesting they are the cause of the illness, as claimed by Eysenck. It has also been shown that doctors can be taught to break the bad news in more sensitive ways, which will in turn decrease subsequent distress.

The provision of psychologically-skilled and compassionate care for those with terminal illness is one of the most impressive parts of our health service. It may be more rewarding to concentrate on providing better psychological care for those with cancer than pursuing the elusive grail of a psychological cause for the illness.

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A child feels death's chill

Why did doctors tell a boy aged nine that he had cancer when he didn't?

The 24th of May, 1993, was the happiest day of nine-year-old Matthew Guest's life. It was the day he discovered he had *not* got cancer. By then he had already received chemotherapy and taken drugs that caused nausea and hair loss and other unpleasant side-effects. But these were insignificant beside the relief that accompanies the lifting of a death sentence. Doctors had got it wrong.

As Matthew's nightmare ended, however, another began. Within 48 hours, the hospital responsible for the blunder, the Royal Orthopaedic in Birmingham, had launched an enquiry into how the misdiagnosis occurred. As one of the leading centres for the treatment of bone cancer, it receives referrals from all over Britain and the damage to its reputation was critical.

> The health authority blamed the error on a doctor

At first, it seemed the blame lay with a single pathologist who made an error. But as details of an earlier error leaked out, despite no public enquiry by the South Birmingham health authority, the net spread wider. The scandal now looks likely to embrace the local health authority and the region, and threatens to implicate Virginia Bottomley, the Secretary of State for Health.

From the outset, South Birmingham health authority attempted to keep their enquiry confidential. But at least 300 patients had to be checked, and when a man awaiting an operation on a malignant leg tumour complained to the local press after his treatment was postponed, the details became public.

On June 13, it emerged that Matthew Guest had been treated with chemotherapy for three days in late May before checks revealed that the tumours in his leg were not malignant. He was actually suffering from osteomyelitis (inflammation of the bone).

The authority blamed the error on Dr Carol Starkie, a consultant pathologist, whom it described as "one of only a handful of experts in the UK able to deal with the complex and often extremely difficult issue of diagnosing bone tumours from samples of tissue".

The authority said Dr Starkie, who has multiple sclerosis, had been off sick since May 25, the day after the error came to light, and was seeking early retirement. She has publicly apologised. Meanwhile, Linda Leary, of Liverpool, revealed that her daughter, Debbie, aged 14, had had a similarly unhappy experience at the Royal Orthopaedic. Debbie was misdiagnosed as suffering from Ewing's tumour, a form of bone cancer, last September. She also had osteomyelitis. She had started chemotherapy and her waist-length hair had fallen out before the error was discovered.

Dr Patricia Morris Jones, the cancer specialist at the Royal Manchester Children's hospital who referred Debbie to Birmingham for treatment, said there was concern about the diagnosis from the start, and chemotherapy was delayed while efforts were made to confirm it. "We were unhappy about the diagnosis and were trying to get it checked. Other pathologists were questioning it at the time," she said.

Dr Morris Jones could not explain why the health authority had not set up an enquiry following Debbie's case. Asked the same question, Dr Archibald Malcolm, chairman of the enquiry into the errors, and an expert on bone cancer, said: "That is something you will have to ask them." Dr Gillian Todd, the chief executive of the South Birmingham Acute Unit, denied knowing of any difficulties with the pathology service until a month ago. "The first we knew there was a problem was on May 24, when I was approached by one of the surgeons," she said. "We immediately stopped treatment on all patients until their cases had been reviewed and set up the inquiry on 26 May."

Mr Rodney Sneath, the consultant surgeon in charge of the service, said he and his two colleagues had made repeated complaints about the poor quality of the pathology service to hospital managers.

Mr Sneath said he had compiled a dossier of about 20 cases involving decisions which were "borderline", and were examples of a "below par service". He added that a recent bid to the health department for extra funding for a pathologist to work exclusively for the bone tumour service had been rejected.

The health department said that the pathology service was "fully funded" and denied that it had been warned of problems, apart from a passing reference in one annual report.

Dr Malcolm's enquiry, which was convened for the first time last week, faces a tough task dealing with this conflicting evidence. Dr Lynne Jones, a local Labour MP, says: "There is a severe lack of communication between the clinicians and management in South Birmingham health authority."

JEREMY LAURANCE

A happy pill good enough to make analysts depressed


KATE MUIR

A small green and yellow pill is poised to rip apart the theories of psychiatry held for the past 60 years. The anti-depressant drug Prozac is being promoted by some doctors as the biological solution to a messy unconscious; a happy-pill which can, it seems, replace psychoanalysis by chemically transforming the patient from a pessimist to an optimist.

More than 11 million people have now been prescribed Prozac in America and Europe. Ten to 20 per cent find their personalities transformed and over 50 per cent find their depression is alleviated. It is a drug which goes beyond healing to apparently produce a more assertive, confident, socially successful personality.

Dr Peter Kramer, of Brown University in America, has just published a controversial book, *Listening to Prozac* (Viking), about his patients who have tried the drug. In it, he poses the question: "When one pill at breakfast makes you a new person ... it is difficult to resist the suggestion, the visceral certainty, that who people are is largely biologically determined."

Prozac's sudden ascendancy since its introduction in 1987 is a fascinating reflection on what we now expect a "normal" person to be. By giving confidence, by shedding sensitivity to criticism, by "lending the introvert the social skills of a salesman", Prozac emphasises a traditionally "male" and aggressive side — even though a majority of depressives are women.

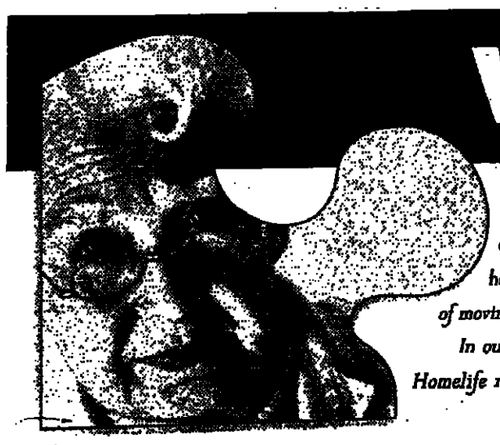
The drug works by making a neurotransmitter called serotonin more easily available to receiving cells in the brain. Serotonin production relates to drive and status in human beings, and tests on monkeys have shown that high serotonin levels usually go with dominance over the social group.

Dr Kramer wonders if Prozac and its sister drugs, Zoloft and Paxil, could become as common as psychoanalysis for the rich, those who use therapy as a pick-me-up rather than a necessity. He fears the age of "cosmetic pharmacology" may arrive, with businessmen asked to take a drug to make them better at communicating and selling.

For the ordinary, damaged patient, Prozac can work where years of analysis have failed. The down side is that drugs like Prozac may also have an adverse affect on the creativity that often comes with melancholy. Losing the dark side of life may make it increasingly difficult to see the whiteness in relief. "We cannot escape entirely the fear that a drug that makes people optimistic and confident will rob them of the morally beneficial effects of melancholy and angst," Dr Kramer writes.

Prozac does have other side effects and for nearly one in four there is no useful improvement. Reports have linked it murders and suicide, but few cases using the "Prozac defence" have succeeded. The drug often causes nausea, loss of appetite, "the jitters", drowsiness or insomnia, as well as some loss of sexual drive, but many patients find the initial symptoms disappear.

The effects on society are just beginning to be noticed. "Like psychoanalysis, Prozac exerts its influence not only in its interaction with individual patients, but through its effect on contemporary thought," Dr Kramer says. "In time, I suspect, we will come to discover that modern psychopharmacology has become, like Freud in his day, a whole climate of opinion under which we conduct our different lives."



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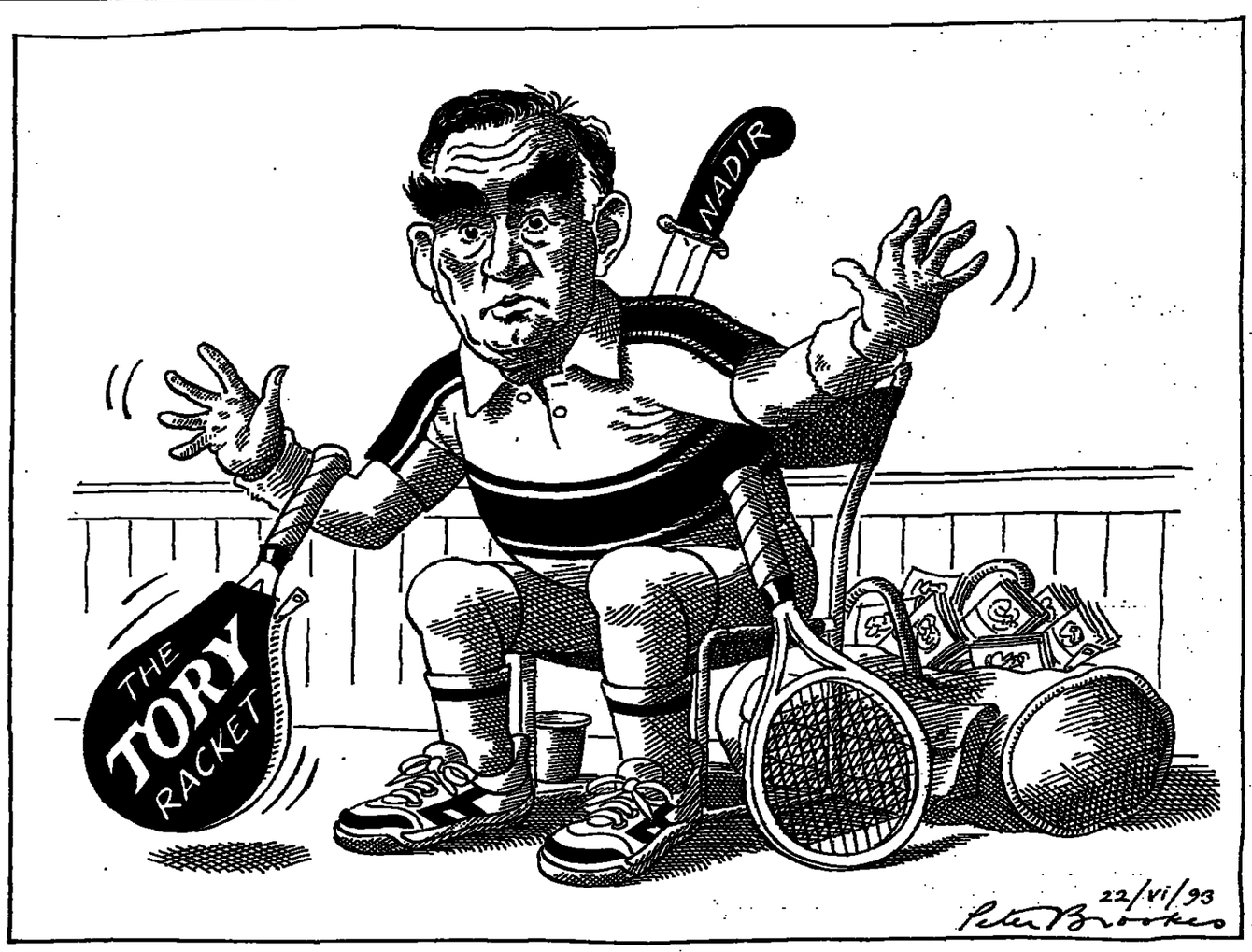
■ As we seasoned time-travellers say, if it's Fiji, it must be Saturday again

Wild-eyed in a foreign hotel bedroom, a large white fluffy guest-towel weighing heavy in my hands, I found myself a few days ago wrestling with a new and surprising dilemma. Should I fold this towel neatly and place it back on the shiny bath-rail, as my normally upright conscience would dictate? Or should I stuff it furtively into my night-bag and scarper like the breeze? Never before had I felt the slightest temptation to purloin hotel property, but somehow, whenever I looked at this grandly embossed bath-sheet, it looked me steadily back. "The Regent of Fiji" is what it proclaimed — meaning Fiji, you know, in the South Pacific, with its warm exotic islands of bright coral reefs and waving coconut palms, and mangoes and bananas you can pick right off a tree. I wanted that towel, just as I wanted the soap, shampoo, bath gel, suntan oil, shower-cap and sewing-kit, not because of any intrinsic value, but because I deludedly supposed — as I ritually tipped these items into my suitcase — that such baubles would somehow prolong the experience, help me take the South Seas home.

But already, just two days returned, I find that my extensive booty of soaps and earplugs from 11 separate hotel rooms (no towels) is virtually meaningless. Miserably I poke through the little battered boxes and bottles, trying to transport myself back, but it's true what they say about travel, that you can't take it with you. Excuse me while a plaintive whimper escapes my vocal chords. Excuse me while I scratch feebly at the inside of my front door, with big sad eyes. In this mood of post-holiday self-pity I want to grab the celluloid flaps at the end of my undeveloped films and irrationally yank out the long black strip to look at the pictures. "Take your time" was possibly the most common phrase we heard on this two-week whistlestop British press tour of Tahiti, the Cook Islands, Western Samoa and Fiji. But if it was a slightly unconvincing expression to begin with (usually uttered by unruffled Polynesian bus drivers when our connecting flight was revving on a runway a few miles down the road), it seems jolly empty now.

I know what you are thinking. Is this just a maudlin trawl through the random regrets of a jet-lagged travel-weary sorry-for-herself? Well, to be honest, it's beginning to look that way, so I'm afraid we may simply have to live with it. But there is one curious time-feature of travelling in the South Pacific that I would particularly commend to your attention, which is this: that it is possible, because of the International Dateline running through the region, to reclaim the day — literally. Either you can go east and have the day again, or go west and skip it altogether. Now isn't that something? In fact, I can attest that when the effect of this dateline is compounded by the curious limbo of long-haul flights, in the space of 14 days it is possible to have three Saturdays, while having no Sundays whatsoever. In the islands of Fiji, where the dotted line considerately kinks through the ocean to avoid cutting people in half, they will confidently tell you, "Technically, this is yesterday, you know", and it doesn't necessarily mean that an excess of kava-drinking has transformed their cerebral cortexes into wet cardboard.

There are drawbacks, of course. I heard a sad story of a British couple who arranged their 40th wedding anniversary as a month-long trip westwards through the South Pacific, only to find on their climactic arrival in Fiji that they'd missed it. But if we had not been struggling to meet a demanding itinerary, the slippage of hours and days would have been highly appealing, and the desperate grab-it-and-run Regent of Fiji towel incident would never have occurred. On Saturday at the Fiji races, I placed a $5 bet on a horse called Beachcomber, and was perversely pleased when it performed exactly as its name suggested — after an initial enthusiastic rush, it suddenly drew up short, thought "Hey, what am I *doing*?", and dropped out altogether. No doubt a warm wind blew a fragrant breeze up its nostrils; no doubt it spotted an interesting piece of driftwood or an unusual shell. "Take your time," it said to itself, "this is Fiji." Now here was a horse, I am willing to venture, that never once dithered over a bath-towel for a souvenir.



Rules that court disaster

British trials are deliberately weighted in favour of the defendant, and the burden of proof must not be shifted

Bernard Levin

When Sir Hugh Annesley, Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, proposes changes in the law which would remove a defendant's right of silence, use evidence from accomplices, admit disclosure of previous convictions, reverse the burden of proof and allow phone-tap evidence, well, then, it may be time for us to say with Dr Johnson, "Why, sir, when he leaves our houses, let us count our spoons", and when, only a day or two later, the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor, suggests that a defendant should be compelled to make a pre-trial disclosure of his or her case and hints that the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice may well propose such a change and possibly others, perhaps we should count our forks as well, and when only a few days later still, David Maclean, a minister of the Home Office (the Home Office! — whoever heard of justice coming out of that noxious place?), eager to get his own greasy spoon into the pot, says that the right of silence is being abused and must be changed, I think we should count our very ashtrays — nay, our curtains and hot-water bottles.

"We have to recognise," said the Lord Chief Justice, "that trials are not a game." His simile is the most inappropriate imaginable; nothing in our world more closely resembles a game than a court case, civil or criminal. Indeed, in virtually all civil cases and well over three-quarters of criminal ones, the waste of much time and effort could be eliminated by the toss of a coin, with the participants being reassured that the odds on winning or losing would be just the same as the result of a three-week hearing, particularly if Lords Lane, Donaldson and Bridge were on the bench. (I pause here for the usual Kissbreech to write, spluttering, to the Editor, insisting that I have vilely defamed three of the greatest jurists in our history.)

Not long ago, there was a case concerning — er, well, bonking actually; it turned on who bonked whom and, more importantly, where and when the bonking went on. Evidence, if you could call it that, was offered to the effect of a claim that the bonking had been seen going on through a keyhole (I think there is a very serious *double-entendre*, in that sentence, but I can't stop now), and darn me if one of the lawyers didn't come into court brandishing a sawn-out chunk of the door, keyhole and all, demanding that everybody involved be obliged to peer through the keyhole and say, on oath, what they could see at bonking distance. What was all that, if not a play?

The more I think about the coin-tossing system of settling cases, the more I like it, and the more I think that it should be instituted as soon as possible. Of course, all the lawyers would starve (*doubles up with laughter*), but progress is paramount; after all, the stagecoach drivers went out of business when the railways were built. Meanwhile, I must attend to the Chief Constable and the Lord Chief Justice and *their* proposals for improving our legal system.

Sir Hugh Annesley, the head of the RUC, is naturally concerned with terrorism and the ways it can be countered. Any man with such a responsibility would want the greatest scope for catching and convicting criminals, but Sir Hugh's requirements in this might be thought a touch wide. I list them in full:

> It should be an offence for a suspect to refuse to answer questions, in carefully defined circumstances.
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> Previous terrorist convictions should be admitted to show courses of conduct.
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> Accomplice evidence should be made more readily admissible.
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> The burden of proof should shift to the accused, in defined circumstances.
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> Evidence of an intelligence nature, including that from telephone taps, should be admissible, subject to source protection and in carefully defined and controlled circumstances.

The first thing to be said is that those "defined circumstances", "carefully defined circumstances" and "carefully, defined and controlled circumstances" would be more honoured in the breach than the observance, or to put it in the vernacular, nobody would be taking the slightest notice of Sir Hugh's safeguards after about three weeks. The law of gravity takes over here from the law of courtrooms: once embarked on a slippery slope, the embarker will not stop — cannot stop — until he comes to rest with a thud or a splash. That won't be Sir Hugh's fault, but between a half-bent policeman and a judge who likes flexing his muscles, the cases of Wink *v* Nod, Stretchapoint *v* Gottim and Betteroff *v* Behindbars will be cited from morning till night.

Before I turn to the dangers of tearing up most of our criminal law, I should make it clear that I do not think it is a good idea for people in Northern Ireland to kill, maim and rob, and then go free. Sir Hugh Annesley, judging by his list of changes in the law that he wants to see made, feels strongly that with the law as it is, the scales are weighted in favour of the man in the dock, not the man with the wig pointing the accusing finger. It may come as a shock to Sir Hugh to learn that that is as it should be, has been, and I hope very profoundly always will be.

Lesser breeds may do things otherwise: we are rightly proud of the principle that governs our criminal law, which is that the prosecution must make out the case. In our law a defendant does not have to prove anything, nor to give evidence; many a judge has ground his teeth to powder in ensuring that the jury is clearly told that an obvious crook's refusal to speak should not be thought suspicious.

Sir Hugh will be even more shocked to learn that I also applaud the general principle — well established — that previous crimes of which a defendant has been found guilty may not be referred to by the prosecution while the fresh charge is being tried. Very frequently, there are gasps in the court, when a convicted defendant finally has his previous convictions read out, and the naïve spectator — or more likely juror — wonders why those crimes were not listed before the jury retired. Sir Hugh, of course, knows the answer and understandably chafes at it, but just in case there is someone reading this who does *not* know the answer, the posh version is Hume's Principle: however many matches a man strikes, there can be no proof that the next one will burn. And so it is with the law: however many crimes a man has committed, he is entitled to be judged on the one before the court and no other.

But, cries Sir Hugh, as well as countless victims of thieves and other criminals, that means that the figure accused starts with an advantage, whereas in all logic the shifty figure in the dock should be the one who must fight his charges out. Not so, says Aristides Levin, for the principle which I hold and will never give up is the noble principle that it is better a guilty party should escape scot-free than an innocent party should be wrongly condemned.

"The burden of proof should shift to the accused"; when I read those words in Sir Hugh Annesley's catalogue of what should be done to counter violent criminals I shivered. Forget the appalling number of miscarriages of justice which have been overturned in recent years, and just think about the number of dishonest policemen who have come to light in that time. Would you, years later, be untroubled when it turned out that the police evidence had been tainted from the start? (After all, a judge, however hopeless, doesn't deliberately fake the evidence.)

The law says I have committed a crime; very well, if you, the law, say that, you must prove it, and I am under no obligation to help you. Perhaps we should try the Scottish system and add a verdict of "Not Proven", by which the defendant goes free but stained. I was troubled by the legislation of 1968 which overturned the long-established rule that a jury must be unanimous, in favour of the rule that at least ten out of 12 must agree, but I confess it has certainly worked well, and the Scottish jury works even on a majority vote.

When I was a child, it was common belief that British law said a defendant was innocent until proved, while French law claimed that the frightful frogs demanded the proof of innocence. As it happens, it was a libel on the French, but I have remembered this odd item all my life, and while apologising to the French I still feel proud that in our case nothing has changed. Let it remain so.

France without subsidies

Cosy cartels are falling apart, says Charles Bremner

It is just as well that Johnny Hallyday sticks to French rock 'n' roll. Otherwise France's eternal Elvis impersonator, now celebrating his 50th birthday, might find himself hauled off for an identity check. Any sign of foreignness is deemed cause for the French police to request identity papers under one of the new laws designed by Edouard Balladur's government to squelch immigration and throw out illegal residents. Reading *The Times* in the Metro constitutes a suspicious act.

The anti-immigration campaign, led by the affable interior minister Charles Pasqua, is immensely popular because it responds to a widely-held view that immigrants are, to a greater or lesser degree, behind high unemployment and crime. More broadly, it echoes an emotional belief that France is falling prey to hostile forces and must prepare to fight alone like Asterix the plucky Gaul against the Romans.

Immigrant barbarians are at the gates, and in trade termsthe modern-day Romans are played by the Americans, Japanese and all those poor countries beating French products at home and abroad. The spirit of the cartoon warrior can be found in Copenhagen, embodied by M Balladur and President Mitterrand, as they tell sceptical colleagues at the EC summit that France wants "Community preferences" imposed against "unfair" competitors, even at the cost of trade war.

The French talk has become so tough that it has become embarrassing even for Jacques Delors. However, the Commission president shares one strong belief with his fellow Frenchmen: whatever the causes of Europe's chronic unemployment, no one should tamper with the expensive social chapter, the Maastricht provision on the welfare safety net. France's luxurious "social advantages" are proving ruinously expensive, but talk of reducing them is taboo. The finger is pointed in turn at those countries which deny their own people such benefits.

If the peasant farmers are being driven off the land of their ancestors, it is the fault of American soya-bean growers and the British "Ayatollahs of Free Trade", as one commentator called them. If Citroën workers lose their jobs, look for the Japanese aggressor (and his British accomplice). "The hour is grave and the fronts are many: African immigrants, American cereals, Indonesian underpants ..." said *Libération*. This irony from the centre-left newspaper is rare: a consensus binds all classes, from the working to chattering and governing, that the time has come to shelter France from the storm. Most in the mainstream, like M Balladur and President Mitterrand, believe the war should be waged from behind the walls of a fortress Europe, but they are not convinced that the EC has the courage to heed their call.

The new protectionists are candidly yielding to the old French distaste for the ideas of the 18th-century free-marketeer David Ricardo, a reflex which really diminished only in the 1970s and 1980s. M Mitterrand and others are banking on a moral argument: cheap goods and services are the product of exploitation. Alain Lamassoure, the European affairs minister, says: "Countries which force children to work, which resort to massive counterfeit, cannot benefit from normal trade concessions."

Sorrow tinges the laments of French leaders over the failure of most of the rest of the Community, and the British and Germans in particular, to understand that salvation can be found only in higher walls. After decades making the running, from the Treaty of Rome to Maastricht, France finds itself out of step with all but the poorer members. Patriots from Joan of Arc to General de Gaulle must be turning in their graves, one is led to believe, as the noble, French-inspired ideal of Europe falls victim to alien doctrines. Alain Duhamel, an influential commentator, believes the French idea must be asserted urgently. Failure, he says, "will mean the triumph of the Anglo-Saxon market, integration in a transatlantic society and the burial of the European personality".

Depicting himself as a defender of "European identity", M Balladur says a crisis is preferable to accepting the American "diktat" on farm trade within GATT (the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade). He has little room for manoeuvre, for pressure in his own camp is growing. Philippe Seguin, the anti-Maastricht rebel who is now speaker of parliament, has thrown down the gauntlet, accusing M Balladur of subscribing to a "social Munich" by putting open markets and a strong currency ahead of the need to preserve French jobs. Further to the right and on the far left, voices are being raised in favour of ditching the Community itself.

Many in the business world are warning against the temptation of protectionism, but the assumption that the farmers must be protected and that France must retain its full welfare system is virtually unchallenged. The Gaullist M Seguin may, for example, views Maastricht as an anachronism, but he, just like M Mitterrand, believes that not a finger should be laid on unemployment benefits, hefty family allowances and elaborate health care. Seen from Paris, the chapter seems to be one of the few good things going for Maastricht these days, now that everyone would rather forget about the brave new world of open borders and foreigners telling France how to run its economy. As Valery Giscard d'Estaing says, "People think Europe means unemployment."

Fifth columnist?

TAKI Theodoracopulos, tycoon and social scribe, has emerged as a financial backer of the *National Review*, a potential rival to *The Spectator*, the magazine that has published Taki's "High Life" column for the past 14 years.

Key figures from the Thatcher era such as Cecil Parkinson and Lord McAlpine are bringing the forum of America's radical right to Britain in January. Taki, who inherited a fortune estimated four years ago at £60 million, is expected to inject cash into the launch and to write a regular column for the British version of the *Review*, based on the *Delectations* column he has written for the American edition.

Taki was invited to a dinner at the Reform Club last week with the steering committee, which is chaired by Parkinson. Also present was John O'Sullivan, the editor of the American *National Review* who is helping Baroness Thatcher complete her memoirs, and Mark Worthington, Thatcher's secretary. Taki, however, was detained by business commitments in Greece.

John O'Sullivan confirms his involvement: "Taki is a modest investor in the London launch, and will be a regular contributor." But he is tactful about any possible conflict with *The Spectator*. "The format has not been finalised, as he values his relationship with *The Spectator*." Taki says: "I love both the *National Review* and *The Spectator*. I can write both columns, as they are different."

But aware of the potential commercial conflict, he adds: "Don't get me sacked."

● *Liz Forgan, BBC Radio's managing director, gave a tantalising glimpse of her priorities at a press conference held yesterday to announce the departure of Radio 1's controller, Johnny Beerling. She would have to cut the conference short, she said, because "Dukey's box at Lord's is free. I don't know anything about cricket but I thought I should go. It's the only way to get on in the BBC." Let's hope Marmaduke Hussey agrees.*

Maxwell's house

OXFORD BROOKES University is one step closer to moving into Headington Hall, the hilltop home of the late Robert Maxwell. It has finally bought out Maxwell's widow Betty, who held a six-year lease on the house.

The former polytechnic bought the main lease on the 14-acre site a few weeks ago, but only within the past few days has it also managed to buy Betty Maxwell's sub-lease on the house where she and her husband lived in such splendour.

Furniture and all other artefacts have already been auctioned, and next month Betty Maxwell's extraordinary range of 45 hats will be sold by Christie's. But one grand testament to the Maxwellian empire will remain at Headington Hall: the huge and very bright, stained-glass window depicting the publishing potentate as Samson pulling down the pillars of the temple.

"It's garish and not to my taste, and I'm not sure you would recognise it as him — the body is considerably slimmer than Maxwell's was," says Dr Clive Booth, vice-chancellor. "But I think it will stay for the time being because we are so strapped for cash."

No score flaw

THE Three Choirs Festival, 267 years old this August, has a problem. Having advertised a piece by Dame Ethel Smyth, Worcester Cathedral's director of music, Donald Hunt has discovered that the score is missing. He is now busy writing one.

The ten-minute work for full orchestra and choir, *A Spring Canticle*, has been performed only once before: at the same festival in the 1920s, when it was composed. Secure in this knowledge, Hunt fixed the date for his performance. But alas, although a search through the cathedral library quickly yielded up the choir parts, there was no trace of the orchestral score.

After considerable research, Hunt found that Smyth had arranged the score partly from her 1901 opera *The Forest*. He is therefore rewriting the score using both this and the choral parts. He admits it is "rather a time-consuming business, but it's actually rather good, not unlike Brahms".

Smyth would no doubt have approved. A suffragette and a close friend of Emmeline Pankhurst, she wrote *March of the Women* as the suffragettes' battle-song while in Holloway Prison in 1911 where, says Hunt, "she conducted it with her toothbrush".

● *Norman Lamont may no longer enjoy John Major's confidence, but his most trusted political adviser, David Cameron, remains very much in favour. Cameron, aged 26, who accompanied Lamont at his famous post-sacking lunch in Knightsbridge, has been poached by Michael Howard, the home secretary.*

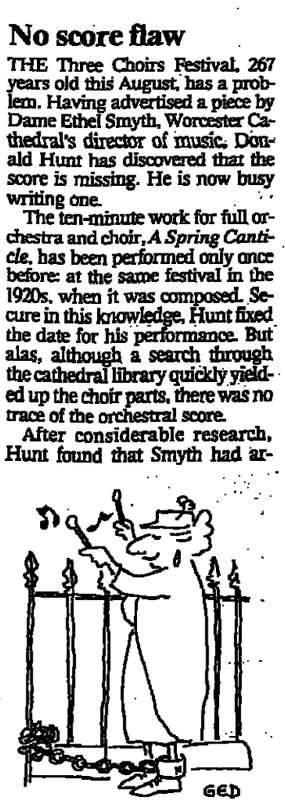
Paper Man

FOR fans of Sir William Golding there is some encouraging news. A month ago the Nobel prizewinner wrote to his publisher, Matthew Evans, the chairman of Faber & Faber, telling him he had just finished the draft of a new novel. "I have a 40,000-word first draft of the story. I think it will go to 60,000." Golding, however, added the rider that the work "is unspeakably silly at the moment".

Evans wrote back asking to see the manuscript. Golding replied that he would not release it until the end of August. The result, following Golding's death this weekend, is that no one at Faber has yet seen the manuscript. Evans, a good friend of Golding, insists he is in no hurry. "We'll see what happens, but I imagine Ann [his widow] will offer the draft to us."

He is reluctant to guess at the subject matter, or at the quality. But he feels that the book, which will be Golding's 13th novel, "will be pretty good because he has been working on it for some time. But we won't publish it just to make money. We had a very close relationship with Bill and we do feel protective towards him. We wouldn't publish it if we did not feel it reflected him at his best."

● *Golding's death means the Three Spires Festival, Cornwall's answer to the Three Choirs, which starts with a reception in Truro on Thursday, has lost one of its most distinguished contributors. The committee, on which Golding served as a vice-president, will not let his death pass unmarked. "There might be an anthem and possibly a reading at the festival service on Friday," says Albert Sinfield, the chairman. "I will raise it with the Dean as soon as he comes back from holiday."*



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CLEAN HANDS

The government must be above suspicion in its fund-raising

Politicians seldom resign on principle. They resign because they have lost the support of their colleagues. The pressure on Michael Mates now looks irresistible, after his unsubstantiated allegations about the role of the security services in the collapse of Asil Nadir's fortunes. Following the revelation of his gift to Mr Nadir, with its famous inscription, a period of silence from Mr Mates would have been welcome to his party.

The proverbial "dark clouds" are now said to be gathering over the "influential" Tory backbench 1922 committee. The Prime Minister is "ominously" silent. Mr Mates's lingering death may yet be as painful to the Government as last summer's departure of David Mellor. The Northern Ireland minister has reserves of obstinacy and feels he has done no wrong. This is the stuff of good headlines but bad management.

To what extent, as has been loudly and widely suggested, is there a wider public interest in these travails? The serious accusation flung against the Government has been that secret donations to Conservative Central Office have been allowed to influence Ministers of the Crown. If there is any real evidence of corruption against the Tories, then condemnation, punishment and prosecution must be swift. First, charges have to be substantiated, then proved. So far the Labour party has made much political capital out of generalised smears against ministers, but nothing specific has stuck.

British politics has a fine record of probity, which puts past and contemporary practice on the continent and in the United States to shame. Corruption cases at national level have been few. After Lloyd George's involvement in the Marconi shares scandal and Maundy Gregory's notorious sale of honours, proved instances of central government influence peddling have been few.

The linkage of party political donations and the bequest of political honours remains a perennially comic tale, raked over in the public prints. Yet real corruption in Britain has more often sprung from local government. The award of public contracts for gain, nepotism, or political favours by local party bosses, have been a vice of British life — although Italian and American political fixers would laugh at their petty scale.

The Prime Minister and the Tory party chairman, Sir Norman Fowler, now have to make some pragmatic decisions. Mr Major and Sir Norman would be right to plead that the hue-and-cry raised by their enemies across floor of the House and in the press is so much cant, a mask for more self-interested motives. They should protest that Labour's links with the unions lay the Opposition open on an everyday basis to charges of acting as the political wing of a special interest group.

The Conservative party should then put its case forcefully. Why have the disclosure rules in America, for instance, failed to end enormous financial scandals like the Savings and Loans affair, in which politicians bailed out corrupt land speculators and almost bankrupted the country? The high-minded might be prevailed upon to tell us why generous public funding of political parties has failed to prevent corruption in Germany over the Flick affair. As confident defenders of British national political culture ministers could defend a record of probity in public office. Too often its spokesmen do not measure up to the task, or worse still, are so defeatist they believe they do these things better "at the heart of Europe".

It is unhealthy for a national party to be too dependent on a few rich benefactors and foreigners. Sir Edward Heath has sensibly suggested that ministers, and especially the Prime Minister, should have little to do with furid-raising. The party machinery should be overhauled and more effort put into soliciting contributions from a wider base.

The government is committed to transparency in the civil service, to charters of public standards and good service. It might assuage some public criticism by opening a list of contributors. But scepticism of these panaceas should be maintained. Secret donors will find other outlets for their contributions even if they are disbarred from bankrolling the official political parties. The first line of defence against corruption will remain a suspicious press and a robust political culture.

UKRAINIAN CRISES

Independence demands the reality not the rhetoric of reform

The turmoil in Ukraine shows no sign of ending. Leonid Kuchma, the prime minister, is again threatening to resign, renewing his challenge to President Kravchuk whom he accuses of trying to steal his job.

Beset by at least three crises that threaten to unravel the fabric of his newly independent country, President Kravchuk had at last shown decisiveness. In response to the mutiny of officers of the Black Sea fleet, he sought an urgent meeting with President Yeltsin to conclude a durable settlement. Challenged by a strike by miners in the Donbass, he assumed direct control over the "non-productive sphere" of the government. And to resolve the opposition from parliament to genuine economic reform, he has called a referendum for September.

Such resolution is overdue. Ukraine's tragedy is that over the past 18 months it has failed to harness its natural wealth, culture and political aspirations to make independence viable. Too much time has been spent on the symbols of sovereignty rather than the substance of statehood. The leadership, mostly former communists, has been content to erect border posts, fly a new flag and carry on with the old Soviet methods. An independent Ukraine needs instead sound money, a firm basis for its economy and a more harmonious relationship between the eastern, Russified part of the country and the heady nationalists of western Ukraine.

Mr Kravchuk has embraced reform but without Mr Yeltsin's conviction. Both men are confronted with stubborn parliaments dominated by the old guard. The Ukrainian leader, who prefers to operate through compromise and deals, insists he cannot force reform on his legislature and that change must be incremental. Only Mr Kuchma has understood that half-measures fall between all stools; that the crumbling economy cannot be patched and botched; and that controlling inflation and a huge budget deficit demands extraordinary powers. Not only did this set him at odds with parliament, however; it also led to a rift with Mr Kravchuk, who shares his prime minister's impatience but wants the extraordinary powers for himself.

At the root of the present nexus of discontent lie the quarrel with Russia and the failure to implement economic reform. Suspicion of Russian intentions has destroyed the goodwill essential for mutual security and economic relations. This, rather than lingering hostility to the West, lies behind the reluctance to give up nuclear weapons. Dwindling world confidence in Ukraine's commitment to a free market has depressed its currency and inhibited investment.

Mr Kravchuk's instincts are those of a Soviet functionary, but he has belatedly understood the threat to his power base. Mr Kuchma is brusque and quarrelsome, and has no time for the niceties of politics. But he understands that Ukraine needs the substance, not the rhetoric, of reform. Mr Kravchuk cannot afford to let him go. Parliament will vote today on whether to accept his resignation. It should confirm him in office, accept his authority, and enact the reforms that alone can save the country from deepening penury.

HYPEOSAURUS REX

To label a film disturbing is to guarantee its success

This is programmed to be the summer of the dinosaur. Yesterday the British Board of Film Classification gave *Jurassic Park*, which opens in the United Kingdom on July 16, a PG certificate. It stands for parental guidance, and means that children under 12 will be able to go to the film on their own at their parents' discretion.

The BBFC took the unusual step of reminding parents of the meaning of the PG certificate by means of a special statement to be affixed to posters and all publicity material: "Parents are warned that this film contains sequences which may be particularly disturbing to younger children or children of a sensitive disposition." A similar warning was used once before on the release of *Jaws* in 1975, and helped to make Steven Spielberg's previous essay in anthropophagy and fishy serial slaughter a hit.

The roaring, ravening, man-munching, child-chasing dinosaurs of *Jurassic Park*, cloned by an eccentric scientist from prehistoric DNA, are worthy descendants of Spielberg's great plastic shark. They are a reprise of that old theme of the monster on the rampage, which has been around since the first cave paintings. The British film classifiers might have been cloned in Hollywood by the film's promotion men. Their classification plus warning of disturbance are the best publicity that the film could have hoped for, on the crest of the monstrous wave of dinopublicity that is rolling across the Atlantic at Europe.

The film broke box office receipts when it opened in the United States, and is already devouring records in its path, from brontosaurus burgers and video games to T-shirts and toothpaste. More than 1,000 items of educational and other merchandise have been licensed to be sold in association with the film in the United Kingdom. Of course, children and concerned parents, scientists can't really bring back the dinosaurs using D. N. A. ... or any other way, for that matter. The last dinosaurs died 65 million years ago — for good.

But this summer's campaign by profitosaurus is pouncing on some child-like instincts from the human theme park. The best way to get children to do something is to tell them that it is bad for them, or dangerous or disturbing. Man-eating monsters have been the stuff of pleasurable thrills around the village camp fire since the earliest myths. Humans get a perverse frisson from being scared witless, so long as they are in a secure haven: and there is money in these old thrills. Dinosaurs, so far as can be judged from this distance, were less neurotic than *Homo sapiens*, and less susceptible to lemming crazes — but then none of them became a multi-millionaire.

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Use of DNA files to combat crime

From Mr John Wadham

Sir, I was disappointed to read (report, June 16) that the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice is expected to recommend that the powers of the police should be increased to allow DNA samples to be taken more easily from suspects, and that a national DNA database should be established.

In some European countries, DNA evidence is completely inadmissible; in others, there can be no conviction unless it is corroborated; and the courts in the US and Australia are also taking a stricter line on its admissibility.

In this country, too, a number of cases where DNA evidence was a key part of the prosecution case have been dismissed, and the author of the relevant research initiated by the royal commission itself has expressed doubts about its current use in criminal proceedings.

In any debate about human rights, there needs to be a balance between the rights of the suspect and that of the public, particularly of women, given the potential importance of DNA in cases of rape. However, in this balancing exercise it is essential to take account of the likely reliability of the evidence produced and the absence of adequate safeguards.

DNA may become a very important tool in the fight against serious crime, but the techniques currently practised contain insufficient safeguards against abuse. The royal commission was set up on the day of the release of the Birmingham Six because of concern about the conviction of innocent people. The proposal which you report is likely to increase that risk.

Yours sincerely,
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June 18.

Curb on NHS debate

From the Shadow Secretary of State for Health

Sir, With the conference season upon us once again, I cannot help but reflect on the way in which the health service has become so heavily politicised. It does not appear to be normal practice any more to invite the Opposition to address key National Health Service conferences.

Whereas major organisations such as the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy make a point of achieving political balance, a different view prevails in some health circles. The Institute of Health Services Management, the National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts and even the BMA can hold major annual conferences and feel it right to invite the Secretary of State — presumably seen as non-political — but not the Opposition.

Regrettably some of those writing on health matters seem to take the same view, namely, that whereas the Opposition is "political" government pronouncements are somehow politically "neutral".

This does not bode well, either for the patient or sensible and balanced political debate on the future of health policy or the NHS. It is a sign of the all-embracing political hegemony which 14 years of one government in power has brought to our political life.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BLUNKETT,
House of Commons.
June 17.

Invalidity benefit

From Dr Kate Trevelyan Thomas

Sir, John Major expressed surprise (report, June 16) at the increase in the number of people claiming invalidity benefit. In this small practice of 3,500 patients over the past two months we have had four separate incidents of relatively healthy people being sent to us with official forms asking us to sign them off as disabled.

In all cases these patients had been unemployed but had been advised that it would be better to claim disability benefit than unemployment benefit. There have been unpleasant scenes when we have refused.

As a GP I do not feel that it is my duty to solve the government's political problems.

Yours faithfully,
KATE TREVELYAN THOMAS,
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June 16.

New boundaries for old counties

From Lord Rippon of Hexham, QC

Sir, I am becoming increasingly concerned at the recommendations emerging from the Local Government Commission for England (reports, June 15, later editions, and June 19). Some of its recommendations — creating a unitary Isle of Wight and unitary councils for Middlesbrough, Darlington, Derby or Bristol — are sensible. However, its proposals to create very large-scale county council-sized unitary authorities for rural areas like Derbyshire or Durham are utterly misguided.

Such proposals fail local people, local government and local democracy. People will find that decisions about their local services are being taken 30 or 40 miles away.

What is even more important is that those decisions will be taken by people the great majority of whom will have little or no knowledge of the particular areas concerned, since the number of councillors is being cut to half the present level.

The proposals are also worrying for the sake of local democracy, because inevitably larger areas bring together disparate communities, whether that be a mixture of urban and rural or a conjunction of dissimilar rural or urban communities. Local government should be about expressing local identity rather than suppressing it.

The commission claims, on doubtful assumptions, savings as a result of having larger authorities. Savings in public expenditure are always welcome, but when the figures that are being quoted represent a tiny percentage of total local government expenditure in the areas concerned they may well fall within the margin of error that is inevitable in such complex calculations.

While I welcome the commission's support for a healthy parish council system, it is no substitute for a proper system of local government.

The government's proposals for Wales, which involve restoration of the historical county boundaries, seem broadly on the right lines. I gather that Sir John Banham, the commission's chairman, has said his guidance would not permit him to produce comparable recommendations in England. If that is indeed true then one of the early tasks for John Gummer, Secretary of State for the Environment, needs to be to revise and clarify the commission's guidance.

Yours faithfully,
RIPPON of HEXHAM,
House of Lords.
June 19.

Primary teaching tasks

From the President of the Society of Education Officers

Sir, The Secretary of State's proposals for the reform of initial primary teacher education (reports, May 21, June 10) are wrongheaded and irresponsible. Teaching the youngest children is as intellectually, professionally and personally challenging a role as are any within the profession.

It is right that ways of attracting able older people into teaching should be explored and credit given for prior learning and experience. But it cannot be in the interests of either children or the nation if primary-school teaching is characterised as a knowledge-based craft which can largely be learnt on the job.

Managing the learning of individual children in the context of a normal class requires intellectual, managerial and inter-personal skills of a high order. If we forget that we shall get the education service we deserve.

Yours etc,
CHRISTOPHER FARMER,
President,
Society of Education Officers,
20 Bedford Way, WC1.
June 18.

From Mrs J. Paul

Sir, I have been head of an infant school for 15 years and have well qualified staff, most of them graduates with both BEd and BSc degrees.

I have taught children from four to 18 in my 34 years as a teacher, so I know which age group requires the most highly trained teachers. It is, of course, the youngest, since learning to read is the most difficult skill one has to teach or to learn. I have two children and that experience did not advance my teaching skills, only my understanding of parents.

This school has just appointed honours graduates in music, speech and humanities for vacancies next term. This standard will not apply to the primary sector in future if they are to be regarded in the same light as the "Mum's Army" which is apparently about to invade the primary sector.

As the head of the first grant-maintained infant school in Luton I can state that our governors will be looking for degree qualification only for future appointments.

Yours faithfully,
J. PAUL
(Head Teacher),
Crawley Green Infant School,
Beaconsfield,
Luton, Bedfordshire.

Citizens of Germany

From Herr Heinrich Lummer

Sir, Your leading article of June 2, entitled "Blood laws", created the impression that German law on citizenship, *Auslanderrecht*, is merely based on blood and is an ethnic barrier, preventing anybody without German ancestors from becoming a German citizen. That is a widespread myth (spread mainly by German journalists), but it simply is not true.

The *Auslanderrecht* was revised in 1990, making it easier for foreigners to apply for German citizenship. Since 1991, any young foreigner aged between 16 and 23 who has lived for eight years in Germany can apply for citizenship; so can any foreigner of whatever age who has spent 15 years in the country.

Prison terms of up to half a year are no obstacle, and the fee for the naturalisation procedure has been lowered to DM100. Former citizenship has to be given up, however, so as not to create double loyalties.

According to *Auslanderrecht*, about four million of the 6.5 million foreigners living in Germany would be entitled to a German passport if they wished. It seems that most prefer to keep their old nationality: in 1991, only 27,295 foreigners applied for citizenship.

Indeed, many want to return to their home country when they reach retiring age; the Turks are especially proud of their nation and feel they would lose their identity if they exchanged their old passport for a German one. Many Turks say their relatives in Turkey would think ill of them if they returned for a visit to their homeland without a Turkish passport.

Obviously, many foreigners living in Germany do not wish to be "integrated" as closely as a majority of Germans would advocate; but this phenomenon has nothing to do with what you call German "blood laws".

Yours faithfully,
H. LUMMER
(Member of the Bundestag),
5300 Bonn 1,
Bundeshaus NH921, Germany.
June 21.

'Ratting on animals'

From Dr Richard Ryder

Sir, Your editorial, "Ratting on animals" (June 11), takes the RSPCA to task after its successful prosecution of an owner for cruelty to a pet rat and its unsuccessful case involving the abandonment of pet fish.

Yet, in the past, journalists have accused the RSPCA of emotionalism in campaigning to protect seals. "Why don't you campaign to protect rats?" they have demanded, adding that animal welfare organisations tend to attract funds by championing beautiful rather than ugly species. So the RSPCA is criticised, either way.

On this occasion it was, however, acting entirely logically. The RSPCA's aim is to prevent suffering. Scientific evidence indicates that rats can suffer. It is therefore consistent that we should strive to protect them. Furthermore, the law says these animals are to be protected, and one of the RSPCA jobs is to help to enforce the law.

I, too, abhor the absurdities of political correctness, but it is a mistake to attach this label to the RSPCA. To neglect certain animals merely because they are not "cuddly" would indeed be species-ism.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD D. RYDER
(Chairman, Scientific, Technical and Academic Committee),
RSPCA, Causeway,
Horsham, West Sussex.
June 18.

Surgical technique

From Mr J. E. A. Wickham and Professor Lord McColl of Dulwich

Sir, We cannot let Dr Stuttaford's article, "Treat keyhole surgery with caution" (June 8), go unremarked. Minimally invasive surgery is no new procedure but part of a sea-change that has been developing in interventional therapy over the last 20 years.

In many areas this change has been totally beneficial to the patient, for example in relation to the management of urinary calculus disease, some gynaecological procedures, bile duct obstruction and joint arthroscopy. In all these areas there has been a well documented and audited reduction in mortality and morbidity.

With the endoscopic removal of a gall bladder in France in 1989 a new era opened for the general surgeon who was unfamiliar with endoscopic procedures. It is obvious from sporadic reports appearing in the lay press that complications deriving from these operations have occurred because some surgeons may have embarked upon these techniques with inadequate training and experience.

It is, however, unfair to induce public anxiety and to denigrate these and similar techniques which, when used appropriately and by adequately trained interventionists, have produced such well documented benefit to patients. The lumping together of all minimally invasive techniques under the rather unfortunate title of "keyhole surgery" is inducing unnecessary public distress.

Moreover, there appears to be undue emphasis on reporting complications arising from minimally invasive surgery which would often pass unrecorded if they had been engendered by an open surgical technique.

Yours faithfully,
J. E. A. WICKHAM,
IAN McCOLL,
Department of Minimally Invasive Therapy,
New Guy's House, Guy's Hospital,
St Thomas Street, SE1.
June 16.

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Asil Nadir and Tory party funds

From Mr A. S. Christofides

Sir, I understand that the Conservative party may refund to the administrators of Polly Peck the sums paid to it by Mr Asil Nadir, should it prove that these were ill-gotten (report, June 17).

By the same morality, would the administrators of Polly Peck and/or those whom they represent, who for a considerable time enjoyed the fruits of the exploitation of the properties of the North Cyprus refugees, refund the profits derived from such activity to the Refugee Fund of Cyprus, for distribution to those entitled to them?

Yours faithfully,
A. S. CHRISTOFIDES,
99 Mansell Street, E1.

From Mr John Polyzoides

Sir, Is it any wonder that the problems concerning the occupied part of northern Cyprus cannot be resolved when it is alleged that as many as 17 MPs have homes there — even though the British government does not recognise the Turkish-occupied region of Cyprus?

Yours sincerely,
JOHN POLYZOIDES,
Breakway,
School Road, Hockley Heath,
Solihull, West Midlands.

From Mr Geoffrey M. Foot

Sir, Nadir's contributions to the Tory party inevitably raise the question of any contribution by the late Robert Maxwell to the Labour party. Perhaps John Smith would let us know the details.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY M. FOOT,
18 Somerset House, Knapp Road,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

From Mr J. D. Brearley

Sir, I was disappointed to read that, according to Sir Norman Fowler, the Conservative party would not accept money "with any strings attached" (report, June 17, early editions). I had proposed to make a donation to the Conservative party on condition that the government began to pursue Conservative policies.

Yours faithfully,
J. D. BREARLEY,
820 Warwick Road,
Solihull, West Midlands.

From Mr S. H. Malik

Sir, I have sent the following letter to the prime minister this morning: "Let the bugger go."

Yours faithfully,
S. H. MALIK,
9 Allonby Drive, Ruislip, Middlesex.
June 21.

From Mrs Cecelia Compton

Sir, "A party ripe for plucking", says your headline (article, June 21). Would not "A turkey ready for stuffing" have been more appropriate?

Yours faithfully,
CECELIA COMPTON,
Roydon, Pole Barn Lane,
Frinton on Sea, Essex.

Sporting chance

From Dom Martin Salmon

Sir, You report (June 16) — and your correspondents comment (June 19) — on the plight of the one-legged Cornish batsman who was not permitted a runner, because of a too rigid application of the letter rather than of the poetry of the laws of cricket.

Siegfried Sassoon, who played for the Ravens Cricket Club up to the age of 79, always had his captain for a runner, despite the fact that he was neither disabled on the field, nor had a wooden leg.

While it is true that Sassoon's method of fielding in old age, which was to stand to attention and allow the ball to strike him, must sooner or later have ensured that he did have a wooden leg, it is pleasant to be able to report that in the West Country, when the holder of the Queen's Gold Medal for poetry was at the crease, poetry prevailed.

Yours sincerely,
MARTIN SALMON,
Downside Abbey,
Stratton on the Fosse, Bath, Avon.

An addict's lament

From Mr Ian Menzies

Sir,

I kept eight honest serving men,
With numbers for their name.
They greeted me each morning when
Reporting for The Game.

They waited for the daily check
Of strangers' loss or gain:
They wilted when a winning cheque
Was ruled out once again.

Just once they had their glorious day
And broke a prizeless past.
Five hundred pounds they brought my way:
Persistence paid at last.

But where's McAlpine now and Weir,
Driefontein, Alexon —
Where are the shares of yesteryear?
Portfolio's dead and gone.

Disconsolately yours,
IAN MENZIES,
PO Box 31,
Bognor Regis, West Sussex.
June 17.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 21: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon attended the Test Match between England and Australia at Lord's cricket Ground and met members of the teams.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by the President of the MCC (the Lord Griffiths) and the Secretary (Lieutenant Colonel John Stephenson).

The Hon Mary Morrison, the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes, Mr Geoffrey Crawford and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief, The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, this evening attended a reception and Beating Retreat at St James's Palace.

By command of The Queen, the Viscount Boyne (Lord in Waiting) called upon The President of the Republic of Zimbabwe at the St James's Court Hotel, Buckingham Gate, London SW1, this morning and, on behalf of Her Majesty, welcomed Mr Mugabe on his Arrival in this Country.

June 21: The Princess Royal, Patron, HFT Development Trust, this afternoon attended a trustees' Meeting and luncheon at Hambros Bank, London EC3.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Rosebowl Environmental Project for Schools 1993, this evening attended a civic dinner in the Banqueting Hall, City Chambers, Glasgow, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Glasgow (Mr Robert Innes, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 21: The Prince of Wales received Dr Mjah Jones (Chairman, Welsh Development Agency) this morning.

His Royal Highness this evening gave a reception for Earthwatch Europe.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 21: The Duchess of Gloucester this morning visited Pembroke College, Cambridge and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crowden).

In the afternoon Her Royal Highness visited the Department of Clinical Genetics at Addenbrooke's NHS Trust and opened the Molecular Genetics Laboratory and, subsequently, as Patron of the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths (Cot Death Research and Support), visited Rosie Maternity Hospital, Cambridge.

Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 21: The Duke of Kent, President, the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, accompanied by The Duchess of Kent, this afternoon attended the opening day of the Wimbledon Championships.

Mrs Julian Tomkins and Captain the Honourable Tom Coke were in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
June 21: Princess Alexandra, Patron of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, this morning opened the Leopold Muller Cystic Fibrosis Gene Research Laboratory at St Mary's Hospital Medical School, Norfolk Place, London W2.

Her Royal Highness, Patron of SWAN (Society for Wildlife Art of the Nations) this afternoon visited Nature in Art at Wallsworth Hall, Twigworth, Gloucester, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Elwes).

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

ALAN WELLER



Sitting pretty: four pupils of Millfield School take their places with "Sitting Couple", a stainless steel creation by the sculptor Lynn Chadwick. The work is among 30 pieces by Mr Chadwick which are on public display in an exhibition, "Beasts and Bronzes", at the school in Street, Somerset, until July 3

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will attend a garden party at Syon House at 3.00 to mark the 70th anniversary of the Cancer Research Campaign. The Duke of Gloucester, as President of the CRC, accompanied by the Duchess of Gloucester, will also attend.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the Institute for the Study of Drug Dependence (ISDD), will attend the ISDD media awards luncheon at the Café Royal, London, at 12.40.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Rosebowl Environmental Project for Schools 1993, will present the awards to schools at Glasgow City Chambers at 9.45; will open St Mungo Museum and Glasgow Cathedral Visitor and Conference Centre at 11.25; and a Patron of the National Autistic Society, will visit Strathclyde Autistic Group, The Moat House International Hotel, at 12.55.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the Papworth and Enham Foundation will visit the Enham Trust and open the recreation and leisure centre to mark the 75th anniversary celebrations at Enham Alamein, Andover, at 11.00.

The Duke of Kent, as Royal Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering, will attend the Academic Research and Success in Industry exhibition at the Imperial College of Science Technology and Medicine at 7.00.

Dinners

European-Atlantic Group
The Speaker was the guest of honour at a dinner of the European-Atlantic Group held last night at the St Ermin's Hotel. Lord Rippon of Hexham, QC, president, was in the chair and Viscount Montgomery and Alamein, chairman, also spoke. Among others present were:

Members of the Diplomatic Corps, Judith Countess of Listowel, Baroness Birk, Lord Bridges, Jacqueline Lady Killearn, Lady Rippon, Lady Torphichen, Sir Antony Buck, QC, Sir Alistair Frame, Sir Reay and Lady Geddes, Sir David and Lady Lidderdale, Lady Newsam, Sir John and Lady Osborn, Lady Renouf, Sir Archibald and Lady Ross and Sir Hugh and Lady Rossi.

Foundation for Science and Technology
Lord Butterworth, Chairman of Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society.

The Hon William Waldegrave, MP, Dr Richard B. Sykes, Dr D.H. Roberts and Professor W.D.P. Stewart were the speakers. Among others present were:

The Earl of Selborne, Viscount Caldecote, Lord Aldington, Lord Barber of Tewkesbury, Lord Beloff, Lord Butterfield, Lord Chorley, Lord Dainton, Lord Fraser of Kilmorack, Lord Gregson, Lord Howie of Troon, Lord Hunter of Newington, Lord Kennet, Baroness Lockwood, Lord McColl of Dulwich, Lord Porter of Luddenham, OM, Lord Renwick, Lord Shackleton, KG, Lord Sherfield, Lord Taylor of Blackburn, Baroness White, Sir Patrick Nairne, Sir Michael Atiyah, OM, Sir William Barlow, Sir Austin Bide, Sir Walter Bodmer, Sir Sam Edwards, Sir John Fairclough, Professor Sir Brian Follett, Sir David Hancock, Sir Andrew Huxley, OM, Sir John Kingman, Sir John Mason, Sir Ronald Mason, Sir Richard Morris, Sir Robin Nicholson, Sir Denis Rooke, Sir Giles Shaw, MP, Dr Jeremy Bray, MP, Mr Tam Dalyell, MP, Mr Andrew Miller, MP, Miss Emma Nicholson, MP, Dr Richard J Haas and Dr P T Warren.

University news

Oxford
Violet Vaughan Morgan Prizes for 1993 have been awarded to: Matthew Henry Beaumont, Lady Margaret Hall; Michael Geoffrey Bryant, Corpus Christi; David John Cunnington, St John's; Peter Benjamin Howarth, Corpus Christi; Adam Charles Jones, St Anne's; Henrietta Elinn Makinson, Merton; Emily Rea, Lady Margaret Hall; Janie Elizabeth Norah Steen, Lady Margaret Hall.

Durham
Appointments
Lecturers:
Mr Hugh Stowe (Department of Law), Dr Li He (School of Engineering and Computer Science), Dr Stephen Thomas (School of Engineering and Computer Science), Ms Anne Mullen (School of Modern European Languages).
Other:
Mr Charles Agar (Tutor, Business School), Mrs Lois Neal (MBA Course Administrator, Business School), Dr Christian Lehmann (Crystallographer, Department of Chemistry), Mr Paul Zealand (Health and Safety Officer).
Promotions
To Reader:
Dr E W Anderson (Geography), Mr P J Casey (Archaeology), Dr R R D Croy (Biological Sciences), Dr V C Gibson (Chemistry), Dr N Harris (Biological Sciences), Dr C C Haselgrove (Archaeology), Dr J M Hutson (Chemistry), Dr D H W Hutton (Geological Sciences), Dr J L Moles (Classics), Dr M S C O'Neill (School of English and Linguistics), Dr S M Scarrott (History).
To Senior Lecturer:
Dr I Bolton (Mathematical Sciences), Dr Jennifer J Britnell (School of Modern European Languages), Dr J Lynne Evans (Economics), Dr M D Watson (Biological Sciences), Dr P A Williamson (History).
Titles awarded
Emeritus Professor:
Professor Charles Baker (Business School), Professor Ian MacPherson (Spanish), Professor Michael Stokes (Greek).
Emeritus Reader: Dr Richard Lawless (Modern Middle Eastern Studies).

School news

Rugby School
Scholarships and Foundationerships 1993
Rugby School is pleased to announce the following awards:
Scholarships: Simon Armitage, Caldicott; Emily Birch, Bilton Grange; Edward Ellwood, Emscote Lawn; Oliver Brown, Pinewood and Rugby School; Oliver Hough, Spratton Hall; Christopher Noble, Lockers Park; Lucy Saunders, Bilton Grange; Lucy Miles, The Cheltenham Ladies' College; Simon Pearse, Westbourne, Sheffield; Hugh Rees, Bilton Grange; Jodie Seddon, Swanbourne House; Benedict Singleton, Dunchurch-Winton Hall; Ben Williams, Bilton Grange and Rugby School; Timothy Gasser, Dunchurch-Winton Hall.
Major Foundationerships: Henry Duff, Rokeby Middle School and Rugby School Junior Department; Caroline Grannell, Rokeby Middle School and Rugby School Junior Department.
Minor Foundationerships: Christopher Barrett, Rokeby Middle School and Rugby School Junior Department; Neil Elliot, Bilton C of E Middle School and Rugby School Junior Department; Lucy Saunders, Bilton Grange; Karl Smith, Long Lawford Middle School and Rugby School Junior Department; Seema Thaper, Bilton Grange.
Honorary Minor Foundationership: Adam Burton, Lawrence Sheriff.
Music Scholarships: Charlotte Cox, Bilton Grange; Henry Law, Beechwood Park; Andrew Petterson, Orley Farm.
Junior Department Bursaries: Peter Atkinson, Rokeby Middle School; Matthew Ewer, Dunchurch-Winton Hall; Georgia James, Bilton C of E Middle School; Anna-Lienka Muirhead, Knightlow C of E Middle School.
The Jeremy Smith/Talbot Kelly Art Scholarship: Georgina Howorth, Port Regis School.
All-rounder Scholarships: David Ryan, Bilton Grange; Jonathan Sadler, Great Houghton.
Sixth Form Scholarships: Katherine Barrett, Ysgol Pengiais; Debjani Basu, The Perse School for Girls; Nicky Butler, Queen's, Chester; Nunzia D'Allessio, Rugby High; Kirsty Fothergill, Northampton High; Caroline Howell, St Anne's, Windermere; William Muldrew, Bedford Modern; Geraldine Nosowska, Trinity, Warwick; Amanda Quinn, Sir William Perkins; Elizabeth Ritchie, French International School, Hong Kong.
Sixth Form Music Scholarships: Paula Cox, St Alban's; Geraldine Nosowska, Trinity, Warwick.
The Jeremy Smith Design and Technology Scholarship: Abigail Patrick, Shrewsbury High.
Leadership Scholarship: Julian Lee, Judgemeadow Community College, Leicester.
Rugby School is a registered charity for the purpose of education.

Church news

Resignations and retirements
The Rev Adrian Jacobs: to resign as Priest-in-charge, Tittleshall, but remains Rector, South, East and West Raynham w Helhoughton, Weasenham and Wellingham (Norwich).

The Rev John Swallow, Rector, West Mersea w East Mersea (Chelmsford): to retire as from September 30.

The Rev Geoffrey Waghorn, Vicar, St Peter, Curdridge and Rector, Holy Cross, Durley (Portsmouth): to retire as from November 9.

The Rev John Waters, Vicar, Hednesford St Peter (Lichfield): to retire as from September 30.

Deputy lieutenants

The following have been created deputy lieutenants for Buckinghamshire:
The Hon Richard Godber, Gillian Margaret Mary Miscampbell, Lady Popplewell, and Frankie Vaughan.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr B.D. Bibby and Miss S.J. Spence
The engagement is announced between Brodie, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Derek Bibby, of Betchworth, Surrey, and Sarah, daughter of the late Mr David Spence and of Mrs Hilary Spence, of Calbourne, Isle of Wight.

Mr C.J. Biggs and Miss P.J. Little
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Biggs, of Carshalton Beeches, Surrey, and Penny, daughter of Mr Timothy Little and the late Mrs Rosemary Jill Little, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

Mr I.B. Binnie and Miss M.K. Mackenzie
The engagement is announced between Ian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Graeme Binnie, of Oadby, Leicestershire, and Maria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Spaull, of Cuffley, Hertfordshire.

Mr R.J. Clark and Miss C.C. Pearson
The engagement is announced between Ross, younger son of Mr and Mrs Bruce Clark, of Bossingham, Kent, and Catherine, daughter of Dr and Mrs Graham Pearson, of North Elmham, Norfolk.

Mr M.H.J. Plaut and Miss J.L. Cunyghame
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Rudi Plaut, of Lisvane, Cardiff, and Julia, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Cunynghame, of Bayswater, London.

Mr A.C.F. Swash and Miss C.M.R. Bowder
The engagement is announced between Adam, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Swash, of Eyles Green, Gloucestershire, and Catharine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Bowder, of Steventon, Oxfordshire.

Mr D.K.S. Thomas and Miss E.M. Foley
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Keith Thomas, of Coleraine, Northern Ireland, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Terry Foley, of Exeter, Devon.

Marriages

Mr A.J.D. Locke and Mrs K.A. Christou
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 19, at St Mary's and St Clements, Clavering, of Mr Alasdair Locke to Mrs Kathleen Christou.

Mr W.I.R. Sargeant and Miss E.E. Root
The marriage took place on June 2, at Titikaveka Church, Rarotonga, The Cook Islands, of Mr Wyndham Sargeant to Miss Emma Root.

Luncheon

Baroness Fisher of Rednal
Baroness Fisher of Rednal was host at a luncheon held yesterday at the House of Lords for the International Institute of Risk and Safety Management. Mr David Eves, Deputy Director-General of the Health and Safety Executive, was the guest speaker.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: George Vancouver, explorer, King's Lynn, Norfolk, 1757; Sir Rider Haggard, novelist, West Bradenham Hall, Norfolk, 1856; William MacDougall, psychologist, Chadderton, Lancashire, 1871; James Maxton, chairman of the Independent Labour Party 1926-31 and 1934-39, Glasgow, 1885; Sir Julian Huxley, biologist, London, 1887; Erich Remarque, novelist, Osnabruck, Germany, 1898; Sir Peter Pears, tenor, Farnham, Surrey, 1910.

DEATHS: St John Fisher, bishop, executed, London, 1535; Katherine Philips, poet, London, 1664; Howard Staunton, chess player and Shakespearean scholar, London, 1874; Sir Henry Wilson, field marshal, assassinated by Sinn Feiners, London, 1922; Moritz Schlick, philosopher, Vienna, 1936; Walter De La Mare, poet and novelist, Twickenham, Middlesex, 1956; Judy Garland, singer and actress, London, 1969; Darius Milhaud, composer, Geneva, 1974; Fred Astaire, dancer and actor, Los Angeles, 1987.

Canon Bruce Duncan

The Rev Canon Bruce Duncan, chairman, Northorpe Hall Trust, was appointed MBE in the Queen's birthday honours list published earlier this month.

Reception

HM Government
Mr Tim Eggar, Minister for Energy, was host yesterday at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House in honour of Dr Ir B.J. Habibie, Indonesian Minister of State for Research and Technology.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Mrs Elizabeth Smith, Controller of English services, BBC World Service, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Elizabeth Cresswell presided.

Birthdays today

Sir Hugh Annesley, chief constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary, 54; Mr Jack Bailey, former secretary, MCC, 63; Sir Christopher Booth, gastro-enterologist, 69; Lieutenant-General Sir Robin Carnegie, 67; Mr D.H.B. Chesshyre, herald, 53; Mr A.P. de Boer, former chairman, British Road Federation, 75; Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs, Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire, 72; Mr G.S. Hill, solicitor, 66; Professor Sheila Hollins, professor of the Psychiatry of Mental Handicapped, 47; Mr Ian Howe, former chairman, Kwik Save Group, 52; Lord Hunt, KG, leader British expedition to Mount Everest in 1952, 83; Mr Bruce Kent, nuclear disarmament campaigner, 64; Professor D.A. Low, president, Clare Hall, Cambridge, 66; Lady Nairne, 81; Mr Gordon Oakes, MP, 62; Mr David Owen, chief constable, North Wales, 62; Miss Esther Rantzen, broadcaster, 53; Dame Cicely Saunders, OM, founder St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham, 75; Miss Prunella Scales, actress, 61; Miss Meryl Streep, actress, 44; Lord Wakeham, 61; Mr Billy Wilder, film director, 87; Miss Diana Young, jockey, 37.

PERSONAL COLUMN

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Let me begin by thanking my God, through Jesus Christ, for you all, because the story of your faith is being told all over the world.
Romans 1 : 8

BIRTHS

BALAAM - On 18th June 1993 to Jane (née Nicholls) and Julian a daughter Amber Jane Elsie, a sister for Toby.

BAXTER - On June 19th 1993 in Hong Kong, to Cally and Angus, a son, George Normile Elliot, a brother for Harriet, Emma and Robert.

BOLTON - On 18th June 1993, to Karin and James, twin sons.

BOOTH - On 3rd June 1993, to Jonathan and Sofie, a daughter, Lily Constance Ella, a sister for Jack.

COULSON - On 20th June, to Anne and Edward, a daughter, Imogen Clare Elwina.

DIGGINES - On 16th June 1993, to Susie (née Lawlor) and Jonathan, their first child, a son, Jack Pierce.

DUNDAS - On June 19th, to Melanie and James, a daughter, Poppy Alice.

FORD - On June 19th at the Whittington Hospital, to Amanda and Nicholas, a son, Laurence Peter, a brother for James.

GILDAY - On 16th June 1993, to Siobhan (née Simpson-Nairn) and Ian, a son, Dominic Percival, a brother to Patrick Joseph.

HARDINGE - On June 19th at St Helier Hospital, to Sophia (née Bagnell) and Andrew, a son, Thomas Henry de Montarville.

HENDERSON - To Sophie (née Wingfield Digby) and Guy on 18th June 1993 at the Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong, a daughter, Minna Rosalind, a sister for Robbie and Poppy.

JENKINS - On 19th June, to Kate (née Roberts) and Paul, a son, Toby.

KINGTON-MILLAR - On Friday 11th June 1993, in Bristol, to Anna Kington and Sean Millar, a wonderful daughter, Daisy (first grandchild for Stewart and Sandra).

LEAR - To Lawrence and Karen, a son, Justin Benedict, on 11th June, a brother for Sebastian.

MALLINSON - On June 17th, to Angela (née Sullivan) and Lawrence, a son, Barnaby Henry Stuart.

MEYRICK - On Sunday 20th June 1993, to Janet (née Manners) and Timothy, a son, James Charles Frank, a brother for George and Thomas.

PURCELL - On 17th June, to Annabel (née Wilson) and Rupert, a son, William Edmund Hugh, a brother for Sophie and James.

STUDHOLME - On 11th June 1993 in Exeter, to Lucy (Deans-Chrystall) and Harry, a son, Jacob William Richard, a brother for Lorna and Joshua.

WINGFIELD DIGBY - See Henderson.

PEARL ANNIVERSARIES

CLYNE - On June 22nd 1963, Margaret to Jim. Happy Pearl Anniversary Mum and Dad, with lots of love Sarah and Stuart xx

DEATHS

ANDERSON - On June 20th 1993 after a short illness, Harry F. Beloved husband of Jessie, father of Judith and grandfather of Tim, Richard and Kate. Funeral Service to be held at Hendon Crematorium at 12 noon on Friday June 25th. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation. Enquiries to Leverton & Sons Ltd., tel: (081) 202-8008.

ANDREWS - On June 19th 1993, after a long illness courageously borne, Audrey (née Sibthorp) aged 74 years, adored mother of Fiona and Francesca, mother-in-law of Anthony and much loved grandmother of Philippa and Paul. Requiem on Tuesday 29th June 2 pm at St Patrick's Church, Hayling Island, followed by interment at St Peter's, Hayling. Flowers may be sent to Grady's F/D, 23 Mengham Road, Hayling, tel: (0705) 463828.

BRISTOWE - On June 17th, peacefully at home, Raymond George (Ray). Private cremation for family and very close friends according to his wishes at Woking Crematorium, St John's. Thursday 24th June at 12 noon.

BURNHAM - On June 18th 1993, at King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, Bill, Lieutenant Colonel the Lord Burnham. Funeral at St Mary's Beaconsfield on Friday June 25th at 11.30. No flowers but all friends welcome. Memorial service to be arranged later. Donations in place of flowers may be given to the Sail Training Association, 2a The Hard, Portsmouth, PO1 3PT.

CAWDOR - Hugh John Vaughan 6th Earl, on 20th June, peacefully in London. Mass at Pluscarden Abbey on Wednesday 23rd June at 2.30 pm.

CLEGG - On June 19th 1993, suddenly in Victoria Hospital, Blackpool, Elise, Lady Clegg. Dearly beloved wife of Sir Walter Clegg and a loving sister to Tom and sister-in-law Grace. Service to be held at St Peter's Church, Fleetwood, Lancashire, on Friday June 25th at 1.45 pm followed by committal at Carleton Crematorium, Blackpool at 2.30 pm. All flowers and enquiries to T.H. Fenton, Rossall Road, Cleveleys, tel: (0253) 862383.

COCKERILL - Robin Newcombe on 20th June in Le Mans in a road accident. Father of Shaw and Ander, husband of Gloria. Funeral Service to be arranged. Enquiries to Funeral Directors John Ward, Church Lane, Bugbrooke, Northamptonshire. Family flowers. Donations to Injured Jockeys Club and Blakesley Church.

COSFORD - On 19th June 1993, peacefully in hospital, Frederick Joseph, aged 88 years of Reigate. Funeral Service on Thursday 24th June, 11.15 am at The Chapel, Stoneman Funeral Service, Doran Court, Redhill.

CROSSE - Andrew Patrick. On 17th June 1993 peacefully in Poole Hospital. Private funeral on 28th June. Flowers to I.H. Newman Ltd., 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury SP1 1HL. A Memorial Service in London will be announced later.

DARBYSHIRE - On June 17th 1993 in Harrogate, Norman Matthew Darbyshire O.B.E. A dear father and grandfather and loving and loved companion of Marion. Cremation private. Family flowers only please. Donations in memory to the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, Hamilton House, 3 Fawcett Street, York YO1 4AH.

EDEN - Everil Mary (née Whiteaway) on 20th June 1993 at her Dumfries home: mourned by her children David, Mary and John.

FARR - Michael Bryant on June 17th, suddenly but peacefully in hospital, of Seaford, Sussex, aged 68. Husband of Daphne, father of Christopher, Simon, Briony and Guy and proud grandfather of Joe, Tom, Aisha and Maya. Service at Seaford Parish Church, Friday 25th June at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Royal National Institute for the Blind.

FROST - Dr. Ronald J., on 21st June 1993 in Belfast, the much loved brother of Les and Frank, after a long illness bravely borne. Family flowers only. Contributions to Marie Curie Centre, Beaconsfield House, Belfast.

FULLER - On 18th June, at home in Blackheath, Kathleen, husband of the late Roy Fuller. Family funeral.

GREGORY - In hospital on 18th June 1993, G.D. (Bob), O.B.E., D.S.C., Commander R.N., aged 80. Loved husband of Ruth. Funeral Service at Bildeston Parish Church, near Ipswich, at 11am on Thursday 24th June 1993, followed by private cremation. No flowers but, if wished, donations for R.N.L.I. to W.A. Deacon Funeral Services, High Street, Lavenham, Suffolk CO10 9PY.

HUDSON - On June 19th while on holiday in Yorkshire, Dr. Harold Gaunt, much loved husband of the late Doreen Belben and of Ruth Welford who will miss him unbelievably after 3½ wonderful years together in St Mary's Wymondham, Norfolk. Loving and loved Dad - Grandad of Ann, Sara and Mark. Service at Princes Street United Reform Church Norwich Thursday June 24th at 2.30 pm followed by interment at Ketteringham Churchyard.

INNES - On 11th June 1993, peacefully in Cornwall, Lorna, formerly of Turleigh, Bradford-on-Avon. Widow of Keith Innes and mother of Vivien and John.

IRVING - Harry M.N.H., much loved husband of Anne, died on 20th June 1993 in Capetown.

JOHNSTONE - On June 18th 1993 peacefully at The Oxford Beaumont Centre, Charles William Johnstone aged 84, formerly of Vicarage Court, Kensington Church Street. Funeral Service at Oxford Crematorium on Thursday June 24th at 2.45 pm. Enquiries to Edward Carter F/D (0235) 528293.

JONES - Eric Griffith of Gurnett House, Sutton, Macclesfield. Died suddenly on holiday on June 16th. Aged 53. Dearly loved and treasured husband of Valerie, father of Catherine, Philippa and Marianne and grandfather of Rosie. The kindest of men, respected by all who knew him. Enquiries to Co-operative Funeral Service, Macclesfield, tel: (0625) 422685.

LEWIS - Peacefully on Friday June 18th 1993 at her home 3 Newton Grove, London W4, after a long illness courageously borne, Eluned (Lyn) Knoyle-Lewis, only daughter of the late Dr. & Mrs Francis Knoyle, darling wife of Dr. Gerwyn Lewis and loved mother of Megan and Rhiannon and a mamgu cariadus. Public funeral at Cwrt-y-Cadno Chapel Pumsaint, Dyfed, on Wednesday June 23rd at 2.30 pm. Flowers and donations if desired to The Alzheimers Society may be given to Gwilym C. Price Son & Daughters Funeral Directors, 1 & 2 College Street, Lampeter, tel: (0570) 422673.

LOCKIE - On 19th June 1993, Ruth Lockie M.B. Ch.B. of Kings Norton, Birmingham, beloved sister of Dorothy, sister-in-law of Bill, aunt of Andrew and Anne. Enquiries to (021) 458-1730.

MACKWORTH - On June 4th in Australia, Molly Lady aged 88, mother of Sue, Harley and Digby. Memorial Service at St Michael's and All Angels, Brinkworth, on August 1st at 2.30 pm. Details (0666) 510815.

MOORE - On 18th June 1993, peacefully in hospital, Nick aged 57 years of Kilmington, Devon, formerly of Bristol, dear husband of Susan and father of Sarah and Christopher and loving son of Billie Moore. Funeral Service will take place at St Giles Church, Kilmington, on Friday 25th June at 2 pm, followed by cremation at Yeovil. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for the Physiotherapy Department, Seaton Hospital, c/o A.J. Wakely & Sons, 91 East Street, Bridport, Dorset, tel: (0308) 23726.

MOORE - On June 19th 1993, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, Ann Gyllian Howard Moore (Gyll) aged 64. Much loved mother of Elizabeth, Richard and Susannah and grandmother of 10. Funeral at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Fairford, at 2 pm on Friday June 25th. Family flowers only please. Donations if required to Amnesty.

MORIARTY - On June 18th 1993 at Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, Edward William Patrick Moriarty O.B.E., aged 92. Much loved father of Michael and Denis. Mourned by them, his six grandchildren and many friends in Tilehurst and elsewhere. Funeral Service at St Michael's Church, Tilehurst, Reading, on Thursday June 24th at 2 pm. Flowers and enquiries to A.B. Walker & Son Ltd., 36 Eldon Road, Reading.

PAYTON - Peacefully on 20th June, Cecilia "Bay" (née Murphy). Wife of Lewis and mother of Joanna, Caroline and Simon. Requiem at St Osmund's, Castlenau, Barnes, on Friday 25th June at 1 pm followed by private cremation.

PIMM - On June 17th, peacefully after a long illness at Nuffield Care Centre, Redhill, Surrey, Arthur Drummond Williams, dearly beloved husband of Mary.

POLGREAN - "Cruising Jack The Pen" frequent passenger of the Canberra, died suddenly on Friday 18th June aged 71 at his home in Chesham, Buckinghamshire. Formerly of Pendeen, Cornwall. Devoted and loving husband of Millie deceased. Beloved father of Ray and his wife Elaine and devoted grandfather of Holly, Zowie and Kirk. Funeral arrangements by Cooks of Chesham, details tel: (0494) 791359.

RUDDOCK - On June 20th, at home, Bernard Geoffrey, aged 83. Dear husband of Mary and father of Justin. Funeral Friday June 25th at Boxgrove Priory, near Chichester at 2 pm.

RUFFY - On June 18th 1993 in St Anthony's Hospital, Cheam, Roland Peter, dearly loved husband of Rosemary and father of Myles and Dominic. Funeral Service to be held at St Mary's Church, Addington Village, Croydon, on Tuesday 29th June at 11.30 am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, c/o Dr. D. Cunningham.

SLATER - On June 17th 1993, peacefully in a Worthing nursing home, Donald, aged 96 years, a Life Vice President of Goring Cricket Club. Will be very sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service at Worthing Crematorium on Wednesday 30th June at 2pm. All enquiries c/o H.D. Tribe Ltd., 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, tel: (0903) 234616.

STEWART - On June 19th 1993 at the Sussex Beacon, Brighton, Christopher, younger son of Jean and the late Sir Iain Stewart and brother of Vivien, Anne and Max. All enquiries of funeral service to E. Carter and Son, Rottingdean, Sussex, tel: (0273) 303467.

STURCH - On June 18th 1993, Elizabeth Longsdon Sturch, dearly loved wife of Digby and mother of Richard and Nicholas. Cremation at Reading Crematorium, Henley Road, Caversham, on Friday June 25th at 2.30 pm. No flowers please. Subsequent interment will be private at Islip, Oxford.

TOLLER - Ursula Doris (Tiny), suddenly on Friday 18th June, beloved sister of Dick, Tom and Charlie. Funeral 1.45 pm Gresford Parish Church. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Gresford Parish Church, Wrexham.

TWIST - On June 18th 1993, peacefully at his home, George Edwin Shelley, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Requiem Mass at 12 noon on Thursday 24th June at St Mary's and St Egwin's, Evesham, followed by family burial at St Peter's, Rous Lench. Family flowers only please.

UNDERHILL - On June 13th, tragically in Godalming, James Richard, beloved elder son of John and Angela and loving brother and uncle. Now at peace. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service in St Catherine's, Pettaugh, Suffolk, on June 30th at 2 pm. Donations to National Schizophrenia Fellowship Bookshop, Queen Street, Godalming.

WILLAN - On June 16th, at home, Nadine, aged 84 years of Baslow, Derbyshire. The beloved wife of James and mother of Tessa, Carole and Peter. Funeral service and interment at St Anne's Church, Baslow, on Saturday June 26th at 11am. Flowers or donations for The Children's Society may be sent to J.W. & J. Mellam Limited, Mill Street, Bakewell.

WORRALL - On 19th June 1993, suddenly at home, Lt. Col. Denis Henry Clauson Worrall M.C. aged 80 years, of Ansty, Dorset, beloved husband of Angela, father of Richard and the late James, grandfather of Katie, William, Ewe. Cremation private. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at All Saints Church, Hilton, Dorset, on Friday 2nd July at 3 pm. Donations if desired for The British Field Sports Society c/o Colin J. Close Funeral Service, 1B Salisbury Street, Blandford, Dorset, tel: (0258) 455155.

WRIGHT - On June 18th, David Bryan (Dizzy), peacefully, after a brief but typically tenacious battle against cancer. Deeply cherished by Elizabeth and much loved by his many friends. Private cremation in accordance with his wishes but donations, if desired, may be sent to McMillan Nurses, c/o Aylings, 26 South Road, Guildford GU2 6NY.

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OBITUARIES

SHIRLEY ROBIN LETWIN

Shirley Robin Letwin, political theorist and Conservative publicist, died of cancer on June 19 aged 69. She was born on February 19, 1924.



SHIRLEY ROBIN LETWIN was a distinguished contributor to the revival of Conservative thought and doctrine, which has occurred in Britain in the last 30 years. She was also an articulate exponent of the coherent view of the proper relationship between law and politics which underlies some of its thinking.

In her first and best book, *The Pursuit of Certainty* (1965), she had exposed the rationalist mentality as she found it, especially in J. S. Mill and Beatrice Webb, and had implied the possibility of a former, systematic statement of a countervailing view of the nature of political action. If none of her subsequent books quite delivered this, her presence as a publicist provided constant reminders of the need to root out the collectivist assumptions to which many British politicians of all parties even now instinctively turn in moments of crisis.

Shirley Robin (her maiden name) was born in Chicago of a first generation family of Russian immigrants. After an early start at Chicago University, where she was taught by Friedrich von Hayek, she wrote the thesis which was later to become *The Pursuit of Certainty*. At the London School of Economics, to which she went after Chicago, she formed a poor opinion of her formal research supervisor — Professor Harold Laski — but benefited from the advice of Hayek and Lionel Robbins, of Karl Popper and (in preference to Laski) of R. H. Tawney, the Christian socialist. She returned to the United States in 1950 with her husband William Letwin, whom she had married in 1944, and held various appointments at Brandeis University, at the Radcliffe Institute and at the Chicago Committee on Social Thought.

In the early 1950s, Letwin had read Michael Oakeshott's writings, had corresponded with him, and had written in his *Cambridge Journal*. It was not until 1956, however, five years after he had succeeded Laski as Professor of Political Science at the London School of Economics, that she actually met him and began a lifelong association which was strengthened when she and her husband returned to England on her husband's appointment to a readership in politics at the London School of Economics. She may not have succeeded in making Oakeshott intelligible to English politicians but there can be no doubt that he deepened her intuitions and persuaded her that he had thought his way through the political problem more thoroughly than Hayek had done.

In the early 1960s, the Letwins settled permanently in England (because they liked it), and gave their son Oliver an English education. Shirley Letwin was a part-time lecturer in the philosophy department at the London School of Economics until this was ended by a complicated academic disagreement with the late Imre Lakatos. She was then for five years a visiting supervisor in the history of political thought at Peterhouse, Cambridge, which she regarded as the high-point of her teaching career and where her distinctive combination of vigorous argument, analytical ruthlessness and personal interest in her pupils, though it sometimes made strong men quail, was immensely popular and enabled her to pass all the tests which intelligent undergraduates impose upon their teachers.

It was at this period also that her interest in the history of political thought began to take on a party political twist, first through involvement in the Centre for Policy Studies which Margaret Thatcher and Sir Keith Joseph had set up after the Conservative defeat in 1974, then through her essay on *Conservative Individualism* which was published in the *Conservative Essays* which Maurice Cowling edited just before the general election of 1979.

Apart from this essay and *The Pursuit of Certainty*, Letwin's output, though never massive, was varied. She wrote essays about religion, law and the history of political thought, a study of Trollope — *The Gentleman in Trollope: Individuality and Moral Conduct* (1982) — which was the most personal of her writings and a statement of her view of an English tradition. In 1992 she published *The Anatomy of Thatcherism*, an account of the principles which, she believed, were implicit in Lady Thatcher's conduct as prime minister. It was not uncritical — including, as it did, a sharp attack on the Thatcher government's record in education, where its policies were found to be "blatantly at odds with its fundamental commitments". (There was always a proprietory sense in which Letwin tended to regard even the former prime minister as far from being the perfect "Thatcherite".)

The truth was that she herself had been through some hard struggles, notably at the Centre for Policy Studies, and she bore the scars of some of those doctrinal engagements. She was probably never cut out for the hot-house atmosphere of office intrigue and it was with some relief that she reverted to a more academic life. Just before her death, she had completed a work entitled *Morality and Law* and, as his literary executor, had started work on a biography of Michael Oakeshott.

Before their arrival in the United States, Letwin's family had been rabbinically distinguished, though she herself had absorbed her parents' agnosticism. Throughout her life she retained an intellectual interest in the history of religious thought and responded to the piety of such of her friends as were religious. But she had no religion herself and certainly no commitment to any religious denomination.

Letwin's mind was direct and straightforward in defence of what she supposed to be a traditionally English and European view of the limitations of state power and the intimacy of the connection between law and commonsense morality. Her politics, nevertheless, were atheoretical politics in which principles were laid down and their practicability assumed more than it was investigated. She lacked to a fault any interest in the corruptions and compromises of democratic politics and had little sympathy for the personal antagonisms characteristic of the machinatory politics which is embodied in, for example, the *Diaries* of Alan Clark.

More generally, she was very feminine but not a feminist, preferred men to women and disliked all attempts at modern trendiness. If she had watched television, which she declined to do until given a television set as a gift in 1991, she would have hated the loose, crooked ideology which she would have accused it of purveying.

Shirley Robin Letwin was sociable and gregarious and her husband courteous and cool. Together they were for many years generous hosts to dons, journalists and men of letters at their home in Kent Terrace.

She is survived by her husband, who retired a few years ago from the chair of American Economic History at the London School of Economics, and by their only child, Oliver, who is a merchant banker and a former Conservative parliamentary candidate.

SIR JAMES SMITH

Sir James (Alfred) Smith, CBE, TD, a former chief justice in the Bahamas, died in Toronto on June 3 aged 80. He was born on May 11, 1913.



JAMES SMITH's name was on the front pages ten years ago when he presided over a commission of enquiry into the trans-shipment of drugs through the Bahamas to the United States. The lengthy hearings attracted international interest and concern because of the allegations of widespread corruption involved in the smuggling of drugs north from Colombia. But those made against the then prime minister, Sir Lynden Pindling, were rejected in the commission's final report.

Smith was already a distinguished figure in Nassau itself, after serving there as a judge for twenty years. Even after retiring as chief justice in 1980, he accepted a number of appointments as an appeal judge, in Belize, Bermuda and the Turks and Caicos Islands as well as the Bahamas itself.

Yet he owed his success as a lawyer to poor vision. He had originally been entered for a bank but, on taking a required medical, failed the eyesight test. Disappointed, he became articled to a solicitor.

That was in his native Wales. Born at Llandyssul, Cardiganshire, the son of a local timber merchant who had introduced traction engines to southwest Wales, "Alfie" as he was known to his school contemporaries, soon moved with his family to nearby Lampeter where he spent his childhood. He went away to school to Christ's College, Brecon, returning to enter a local lawyer's office.

The war interrupted his career as a solicitor. Smith spent the greater part of it in staff jobs, ending up on the intelligence staff of Lord Louis Mountbatten, Supreme Allied Commander in the Far East — whom he liked and admired.

He joined the Colonial Legal Service after the war as a resident magistrate in Nigeria. Called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn in 1947, he was made chief magistrate in Nigeria in 1951, chief registrar in the Nigerian Supreme Court in 1953, then a puisne judge, a judge of the High Court in Northern Nigeria, and finally senior puisne judge in Northern Nigeria between 1960 and 1965.

Smith was expected to be made the next chief justice there. A deeply principled man, however, he passionately believed that the post should be given to a Nigerian — many of whom were now establishing themselves in the judiciary. After making his views known, he briefly returned to Whitehall and accepted a post as a puisne judge in the Bahamas — where he was to spend the rest of his career. This time, however, he did accept the top job, becoming chief justice in 1978, being knighted in 1979 and retiring in 1980 aged 67.

It was then that he accepted a number of part-time appointments as a justice of appeal in the Caribbean and presided over the Bahamas commission of enquiry which sat from 1983 to 1984.

He retired altogether four years ago. He continued to work on a voluntary basis for the Templeton Trust, a Bahamas-based charity, and was on trust business in Toronto when he died.

James Smith was well known in Nassau, not just among the middle-class intelligensia. A friendly, approachable man who loved conversation, he would run across the road to chat to friends or shout "good morning" to passers-by — a habit acquired perhaps in rural Wales. He was totally devoid of racial bias. He spoke Welsh fluently and frequently paid nostalgic visits to West Wales. He often spoke of returning there to live, but the change of climate it promised always deterred him. He had not wintered in Britain since 1939.

He was a gourmet who loved giving and going to other people's dinner parties. As a guest he was such an asset to a hostess that he once earned a mention in Betty Kenward's column Jennifer's Diary after one sparkling performance while in this country. In Nigeria he employed a cook who could neither read nor write, so Smith would sit at the kitchen table and read the recipes out to him, thus combining to produce between them memorable meals.

He collected stamps and coins and was a tournament-class bridge player. But what gave him his greatest pleasure was his garden. His large house in Nassau was surrounded by gardens which ran down to a glistening white beach and Smith, with the help of a gardener, personally saw to the flowerbeds and shrubs.

James Smith never married.

NORMAN JONES

Norman Jones, CBE, TD, group chief executive of Lloyds Bank, 1978-83, died on June 7 aged 69. He was born on November 5, 1923.

THE five years in which Norman Jones was group chief executive of Lloyds Bank were momentous ones for banking, with the start of a worldwide swing away from inflation and towards market forces. On the international side Jones set limits to the expansion of the bank's assets, and laid the groundwork for the successful management of its large Latin-American business through the debt crisis.

At home he worked with the chief general manager, John Davis, to decentralise the clearing bank's lending and marketing and to offset the impact of falling interest rates on its income. When he handed over in November 1983, the bank was in good shape to face the turmoil of subsequent years, and his achievements were recognised by his appointment as CBE in 1984.

Norman Jones's banking career spanned more than half a century. He was born into an engineering family in Manchester and this background influenced his character and imbued him with a sense of precision which later served him well not only in his understanding of finance but also in his leisure hours, when he would readily turn his hand to making furniture or stripping a car engine.

After leaving Gravesend Grammar School at the age of 16 he went to work in March 1940 at the Lloyds Bank branch in Grays, Essex. In 1942 he joined the Army, and the following year was commissioned in the Northamptonshire Regiment and posted to the Airborne Division. He served with glider and parachute units in Europe and Burma until the end of hostilities, and then took command of an independent airborne unit for a further two years in the Dutch East Indies, Malaya and Burma. This varied experience moulded him further and developed his talent for leadership. He continued to serve in the Territorial Army until 1964, and was awarded the Territorial Decoration in 1962.

He rejoined Lloyds Bank in 1947, but did not stay long in country branch banking. In 1951, the year after his marriage to June Hall, he moved to the bank's Stock Exchange branch, and thereafter remained based in London for the rest of his career.

A succession of branch appointments, alternating with experience in head office departments, gave him a thorough knowledge of the bank's systems, accounts and legal base, and eventually brought him to the heart of the organisation in 1973. By this time the bank's traditional structure could no longer satisfy the complex requirements of a diversified and international business. Jones worked with B. H. Piper (who also died this month) in setting up the co-ordinating unit which became the bank's group headquarters. In December 1976 he joined the board of the bank, and in September 1978 he became group chief executive in succession to Piper.

After his five-year spell as chief executive, Jones remained active on the board of the bank as a deputy chairman up to 1989, and thereafter with a lesser degree of involvement as a vice-chairman until his final retirement in April 1991.

During these years he made his experience and contacts available in a variety of ways; these included chairing a committee set up by the Governor of the Bank of England to look into the problems facing City commuters and working for Anglo-New Zealand relations.

Norman Jones was a man of many parts, but totally without side. In addition to cabinet-making and motor mechanics, he was keenly interested in sailing and photography, to all of which he brought the same craftman's eye for detail as he did to banking. He tempered his professional banker's precision and prudence with a warm humanity and sparkle which embraced every aspect of the bank's and its customers' business. He combined an unswerving sense of duty with an unfailing sense of humour. As a result he made many friends, and his death will be mourned in New Zealand and California as well as in this country.

He is survived by his wife June, and by their two sons. It was in his happy marriage and family life that his many qualities were ultimately grounded.

GABRIEL PREIL

Gabriel Preil, Hebrew poet, died in Jerusalem on June 12 aged 84. Preil, who lived most of his life in America, was born in Estonia in 1909.

GABRIEL PREIL was one of the last of the generation of Diaspora poets who revived Hebrew as a living language and made Hebrew poetry once more a viable entity. Preil was a profound influence on the Tel Aviv school of poetry in the early 1960s, although he did not step foot in Israel until a decade later.

His death ends a line of poets begun with the Russian-born Haim Nahman Bialik (1873-1934), one of the most important modern Hebrew writers.

Preil, who arrived in the United States with his mother when he was 11, abandoned the formal, 19th-century romantic style favoured by many other Diaspora poets for the more conversational style of modern American poets like Robert Frost, whose work he translated into Hebrew.

His writings — virtually unheard of in his beloved New York — strongly influenced the introspective, impressionist verse of the Tel Aviv school of modernists, most prominently represented by Natan Zach. He read modern Israeli works voraciously, but he did not visit Israel until after his mother died. He spoke flawless Hebrew with a strong Eastern European accent.

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ON THIS DAY

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Eight years before the outbreak of the First World the question of controlling or restricting news in time of war was discussed at this conference of editors and managers of London and provincial newspapers. Mr Arthur Fraser Walter (1846-1920), at that time chief proprietor of The Times, presided.

Probably every one admits in the abstract the importance of controlling, and, if need be, restricting, the dissemination of war news in time of war with a Great Power, or when such was is imminent. No one can seriously contemplate the unrestricted publicity given in this country in ordinary times to every movement of our ships, and to everything done, or projected, or even supposed to be projected, by the naval and military authorities, without thinking with a shudder of the mischief that would be done in war were all that information continuously afforded to the enemy. It is therefore satisfactory to find that the question of controlling that information in the best interests of the nation is being taken up in the proper spirit. At a representative conference of managers and editors of London and provincial newspapers convened by the Newspaper Society, which met yesterday under the presidency of MR. WALTER, a resolution was unanimously passed, affirming the acceptance by the Press of the general principle involved. That, as the CHAIRMAN carefully pointed out in a lucid and practical speech, was the only question really before the meetings. As the result of a movement largely due to the initiative of MR. SYDNEY BROOKES, the Newspaper Society has appointed a sub-committee to discuss details with the Committee of Imperial Defence, and its labours must be carried further before general discussion of details can become useful. It is perhaps unfortunate that, in spite of the CHAIRMAN'S caution, this was not fully borne in mind, and that there was a tendency to dilate upon the means of carrying out the principle rather than upon the principle itself. It may be, however, that this is only a sign that the principle is not called in question, while the details are felt to present practical difficulties. Though the difficulties exist, there is no reason why they should become formidable if all concerned will only try to define with precision what is the object in view. It is to withhold from the enemy knowledge of what is about to be done, of movements the object of which is not yet accomplished and may never be attained unless secrecy is preserved, and of the plans which are under consideration at the Admiralty or War Office. Completed movements, and events that have actually happened, would of course stand in a different category. Again the contemplated restriction and control would not be, as some seem to imagine, frequently in operation. It would operate only during war, or when war is so imminent that secrecy is as essential as at any moment in a campaign. What is more, it would operate only in the event of a serious war with a Great Power and would not restrict enterprise in any way in the small and distant wars which are happily the more frequent of the two. If the limitations are borne in mind, the matter need not seem so very difficult. But it must be provided for beforehand. It is absurd to suppose that any good can be done if on the outbreak of war the Government has to begin legislation to enable it to act. That would be shutting the door after the steed has been stolen.

THE TIMES TODAY

TUESDAY JUNE 22 1993

NEWS

Double blow to cabinet

■ John Major's luckless government suffered a double blow yesterday when Michael Heseltine was struck down by a heart attack and support for Michael Mates, the embattled Northern Ireland minister, ebbed away at Westminster.

The prime minister's counter-offensive at the Copenhagen EC summit against Jacques Delors' social chapter was overshadowed by renewed domestic traumas .... **Pages 1,2,10**

Major scorns Delors

■ British officials at the European summit in Copenhagen made plain that Mr Major saw little to support in Mr Delors' £33 billion package to boost infrastructure and transport. They argued it contained little to counter Europe's most serious problem, lack of competitiveness with the US and the Far East ..... **Pages 1,10,11**

Tories' funds call

Sir Norman Fowler is under growing pressure to publish details of private donations to the Conservative party as a number of Tory MPs added their voice to Opposition demands for full disclosure of the party's accounts ..... **Page 1**

Regina v. tout

Buckingham Palace announced measures to foil ticket touts when the royal building is opened to the public in August. But pre-booked group tickets are already changing hands at vastly inflated prices ..... **Page 8**

Set and match

British players at Wimbledon provided an unexpected ray of hope in a gloomy sporting summer as England went predictably to their seventh successive Test defeat ..... **Pages 1,3,42,44**

Divided Italy

Italians who believe that the woes of their country stem from the rich north subsidising the poor south called for secession when their Lombardy League candidate was elected as mayor of Milan ..... **Page 12**

Pressure on Muslims

EC foreign ministers were last night leaning on Bosnian Muslim leaders to negotiate a carve-up of their country with victorious Serbs and Croats. *There were also signs that President Alia Izetbegovic of Bosnia faced a challenge to his leadership* ..... **Pages 1,11**

Solicitors lose case

The High Court rejected a challenge by Britain's solicitors that Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, acted unlawfully when he introduced cuts in legal aid. The Law Society said that it would fight on ..... **Page 7**

Schoolboy cleared

A 16-year-old boy won the fight *to clear his name after mistakes* by his solicitor, the police and a trial judge had condemned him to six months behind bars for a crime he did not commit **Page 3**

Tokyo turmoil

The political power vacuum in Japan is likely to have a negative impact on decisions due to be taken at next month's Group of Seven meeting in Tokyo, affecting progress towards a political breakthrough on stalled trade talks ..... **Page 14**

Fearsome creatures

Just when you thought ... British parents are to be told that the Steven Spielberg dinosaurs film Jurassic Park contains scenes that may disturb some children, a warning issued only once before, for the same director's shark movie *Jaws* ..... **Page 5**

Rebels on doorstep

As Azerbaijan's rebel forces swept to the edge of the capital, the interior minister admitted they were "strong enough to enter Baku right now" and appealed for a political solution ..... **Page 13**

Clinton's write-in landslide

If you are thinking of writing to the White House, spare a thought for President Clinton's postroom and think again. He, his wife, Hillary, their daughter, Chelsea, and their cat, Socks, have received 3.5 million letters during their first five months in the White House, plus nearly 2,000 messages daily to Mr Clinton's electronic mailing address ..... **Page 1**

ARMANDO FRANCA



Street terror: detectives examining the second car bomb that rocked Madrid yesterday. They suspect Basque separatists. Report, page 12

Bank move: The Bank of England is supporting plans for a reconstruction of the Asian banking industry in London after criticism following the BCCI affair and failure of other Asian banks ... **Page 23**

Lloyd's alert: Self-regulation of the Lloyd's insurance market does not work and is the root of its problems, according to a leading figure in the industry ..... **Page 23**

Markets: *Hopes of a cut in interest* rates boosted shares and the FT-SE 100 index ended up 24 points at 2,903.4. Sterling opened weaker but regained poise, closing down 0.67 cents at $1.4903 and down 0.13 pfennigs at DM2.5129 ..... **Page 24**
Stock market, Page 26

Cricket: England's losing sequence in Test matches was extended to seven when they were beaten in the second Test against Australia at Lord's by an innings and 62 runs. They were dismissed in their second innings for 365 shortly before tea on the final day ..... **Page 44**

Tennis: Andre Agassi began the defence of his Wimbledon singles title with a convincing straights-set victory over Bernd Karbacher of Germany on the first day of the championships ..... **Pages 42, 44**

Basketball: The Chicago Bulls won the National Basketball Association finals for the third successive year and their best-of-seven series against Phoenix Suns ..... **Page 39**

Limbo generation: More than one in six of this year's university and college leavers will still be out of work at the beginning of 1994. Julia Llewellyn Smith on the long-term graduate unemployed ..... **Page 16**

Different lives: A small green and yellow pill is poised to rip apart the theories of psychiatry held for the past 60 years ..... **Page 17**

Too far? Judgments at Strasbourg leave no doubt that the powers of the Serious Fraud Office raise difficult questions over fundamental rights of defendants guaranteed by the European convention, says *David Pannick QC* ..... **Page 35**

Encore for tunes: Has the New York composer John Corigliano shown the way with an opera which quotes Mozart and Rossini and rejects the avant-garde? *Ghosts of Versailles* has been released on video ..... **Page 31**

Tango fever: Hot from Argentina, the Tango Para Dos company brings the rhythms of the Rio de la Plata to Sadler's Wells Theatre in London ..... **Page 31**

Youth on display: Five young artists have been given a showcase in an exhibition which opened on Friday and tours Britain ..... **Page 33**

Woody-wind: Woody Allen is to make his recording debut as a jazz clarinettist ..... **Page 33**



Dr Judith McClure, headmistress of the Royal School, Bath, is facing protests by some of her pupils after the dismissal of a popular teacher
Page 5



In the tangled debris of Bosnia lies the reputation of the American Secretary of State, Christopher Warren, dubbed the Secretary of Shhhhh
Page 15



The Michael Sams trial has been hearing about the information his former wife, Susan Oake, gave to police hunting Stephanie Slater's kidnapper
Page 3

THE TIMES TOMORROW

A tale of two cities

■ Why Londoners cannot come to term with the long, hazy days of summer, while Parisians can

The Tate goes west

As the new Tate St Ives Gallery opens, Richard Cork reports from the Cornish seaside town that was home to a generation of leading British artists

Dynasty in the saddle

■ This is not so much a case of polo running in the family as a family running polo. Andrew Longmore on the Heguys of Argentina

Hugh Miles's splendid documentary "Ambush at Masia Mara" (BBC1, 7pm), first seen in 1982, is one of Sir David Attenborough's top 12 *Wildlife on One* programmes. Superb photography captures the perilous migration of thousands of wildebeest through East Africa ..... **Page 43**

Clean hands

The first line of defence against corruption will remain a suspicious press and a robust political culture ..... **Page 19**

Darkest Ukraine

Ukraine's tragedy is that over the past 18 months it has failed to harness its natural wealth, culture and political aspirations to make independence viable ..... **Page 19**

Puffosaurus Rex

Dinosaurs, so far as can be judged from this distance, were less neurotic than *Homo sapiens*, and less susceptible to lemming crazes — but then none of them became multi-millionaires ..... **Page 19**

BERNARD LEVIN

In virtually all civil cases and well over three quarters of criminal ones, the waste of much time and effort could be eliminated by the toss of a coin, with the participants being reassured that the odds on winning or losing would be just the same as the result of a three-week hearing, particularly if Lords Lane, Donaldson and Bridge were on the bench ..... **Page 18**

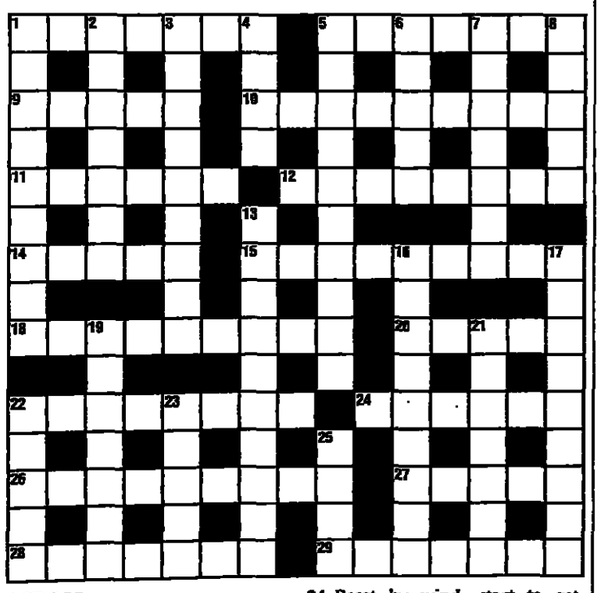
CHARLES BREMNER

France wants "Community preferences" imposed against "unfair" competitors, even at the cost of trade war. Whatever the causes of Europe's chronic unemployment, no one should tamper with the expensive social chapter, the Maastricht provision on the welfare safety net. France's luxurious "social advantages" are proving ruinously expensive, but talk of reducing them is taboo ..... **Page 19**

The prospect of a national DNA database *[illegible]* in the fight against crime is questioned because of the possibility of insufficient safeguards against abuse ..... **Page 19**

In the interests of security and non-proliferation, there's only one choice the President can make. We don't need a test; we need a test ban
USA Today

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,263



ACROSS

1 Quickly translating 'go' and 'aller' (7).
5 Emphasize and exploit a Northern river (7).
9 Way in (or out) enlarged (5).
10 Recording makes two players rich (9).
11 You can listen to a modern song when there's nothing on (6).
12 *Novel travelling theatre* (4,4).
14 Poem ends in mid-air, which may seem appropriate (5).
15 Skinny, toothless what's-his-name (9).
18 Holiday resort can be crude and hard (4-5).
20 In speech, demand various courses of action (5).
22 Negligent hit-and-run (8).
24 Beset by wind, start to get sudden pain (6).
26 In team as an extra (2,3,4).
27 Expedition has the backing of States on the Gulf of Mexico (5).
28 Claimed an adjustment of ten (7).
29 Attempt to embrace French female poet (7).

DOWN

1 Tall plant that bloomed blossoms and yielded almonds in numbers, we hear (6,3).
2 A foreign doctor brought in to air the washing (7).
3 Grizzly stars (5,4).
4 Sign second name, not initial (4).
5 Frank just missing bronze, they say — just (10).
6 Admit gangster humbly (5).
7 Regular soldiers wear it (7).
8 French left cargo in boat (5).
13 Where the spectators sit up to the stoppage (10).
16 Improperly got at, so we are put to no good use (2,2,5).
17 Ryde, as yet, is caught up in the past (9).
19 Put up in a club, perhaps — it's dire! (7).
21 Keep secret formerly in California (7).
22 *In other words, ancient nag* (5).
23 Medical man with Anglo-American vision (5).
25 Information gathered from all corners of the earth (4).

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.26	2.08
Austria Sch	18.70	17.20
Belgium Fr	54.65	50.25
Canada $	2.015	1.855
Denmark Kr	10.19	9.39
Finland Mkk	9.03	8.23
France Fr	8.91	8.21
Germany Dm	2.65	2.45
Greece Dr	356.00	331.00
Hong Kong $	12.14	11.14
Ireland Pt	1.075	0.995
Italy Lire	2365.00	2220.00
Japan Yen	181.75	162.75
Netherlands Gld	2.98	2.76
Norway Kr	11.17	10.37
Portugal Esc	250.00	232.00
South Africa Rd	6.05	5.25
Spain Pta	197.75	184.00
Sweden Kr	11.81	11.01
Switzerland Fr	2.36	2.18
Turkey Lira	16400.0	16400.0
USA $	1.585	1.455

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Fine and dry with sunny spells for southern England and Wales, though it may cloud over later. The rest of England and Wales will be rather cloudy with patchy rain. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudy with light rain or drizzle during the morning. Becoming brighter with a few showers. As a northerly breeze sets in it will turn a little cooler everywhere. Outlook: a few showers in the north and east. Fine and dry elsewhere.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	24	75	s	Madrid	25	77	f
Alcrotiri	29	84	s	Majorca	27	81	f
Alex'dria	28	82	s	Malaga	28	82	s
Algiers	23	73	c	Malta	27	81	s
Amst'dm	19	66	s	Melb'rne	13	55	f
Athens	29	84	s	Miami*	31	88	f
Bahrain	33	91	s	Milan	28	82	s
Bangkok	35	95	f	Montreal*	23	73	f
Barbado*	29	84	f	Moscow	17	63	s
Barcelna	23	73	s	Munich	18	64	f
Beirut	30	86	s	Nairobi	23	73	c
Belgrade	30	86	s	Naples	30	86	s
Berlin	18	64	f	N Delhi	36	97	s
Bermuda*	27	81	s	N York*	24	75	s
Biarritz	25	77	f	Nice	24	75	s
Borde'x	25	77	s	Oslo	12	54	r
Brussels	18	64	s	Paris	21	70	f
Budapst	26	79	f	Peking	31	88	c
B Aires*	18	64	s	Perth	17	63	s
Cairo	33	91	s	Prague	19	66	f
Cape Tn	18	64	f	Reykjavik	11	52	c
Chicago*	24	75	c	Rhodes	26	79	s
Ch'church	14	57	s	Rio de J	24	75	s
Cologne	19	66	f	Riyadh	39	102	s
C'hagen	16	61	f	Rome	27	81	s
Corfu	27	81	s	Salzburg	18	64	c
Dublin	14	57	c	S F'isco*	17	63	s
Dubrovnik	28	82	s	Santiago*	8	46	c
Faro	23	73	f	Seoul	26	79	s
Florence	28	84	f	Sing'por	29	84	f
Frankfurt	16	61	f	Srilnolm	16	61	f
Funchal	21	70	s	Strasb'rg	19	66	c
Geneva	25	77	f	Sydney	20	68	s
Gibraltar	23	73	f	Tangier	23	73	c
Helsinki	17	63	r	Tel Aviv	34	93	s
Hong K	31	88	s	Tenerife	24	75	s
Innsbeck	22	72	r	Tokyo	21	70	f
Istanbul	29	84	s	Toronto*	18	64	r
Jeddah	37	99	s	Tunis	29	84	c
Jo'burg*	18	61	s	Valencia	26	79	f
L Palmas	24	75	s	Vanc'ver*	18	64	f
Le Touet	18	64	f	Venice	25	77	f
Lisbon	18	64	f	Vienna	22	72	f
Locarno	21	70	f	Warsaw	20	68	f
L Angels*	28	73	s	Wash'ton*	33	91	s
Luxemtg	20	68	f	Wel'nton	14	57	s
Luxor	38	100	s	Zurich	21	70	f

* denotes figures are latest available

Sunday: Highest day temp: Torquay, Devon 22C (72F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Inverness and Dalcross, Highland 0.20in; highest sunshine: Aspatria, Cumbria, 14.6hr.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 18C (61F); min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.3hr..

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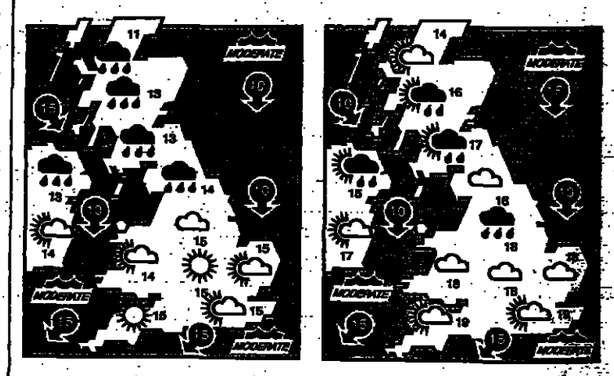
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Angleesey	4.7	-	15	59	bright
Belfast	1.8	0.01	14	57	cloudy
Birmingham	7.5	-	18	64	sunny
Bognor Regis	11.1	-	19	66	sunny
Bournemouth	10.2	-	19	66	sunny
Bristol	11.9	-	21	70	sunny
Cardiff	8.7	-	19	66	sunny
Cromer	8.8	0.06	17	63	sunny
Eastbourne	12.4	-	18	64	sunny
Edinburgh	5.6	-	17	63	bright
Eskdalemuir	4.3	-	14	57	cloudy
Exmouth	8.0	-	18	64	bright
Folkestone	12.2	-	18	64	sunny
Glasgow	6.8	-	16	61	bright
Hastings	11.0	-	18	64	sunny
Hurnstonton	7.8	0.13	18	64	sunny
Isle of Man	3.7	-	15	59	cloudy
Jersey	10.7	-	19	66	sunny
Kinloss	0.6	0.01	15	59	cloudy
Leeds	12.5	0.01	19	66	sunny
Littlehampton	10.6	-	20	68	sunny
Liverpool	8.8	-	15	59	sunny
London	10.1	-	20	68	sunny
Lowestoft	7.7	-	19	66	sunny
Manchester	3.6	0.10	16	61	bright
Morecambe	12.5	-	17	63	sunny
Newcastle	4.4	-	18	64	bright
Newquay	11.5	-	15	59	sunny
Penzance	10.8	-	19	66	sunny
Plymouth	8.8	-	17	63	bright
Poole	8.4	-	22	72	sunny
Salcombe	6.8	-	19	66	bright
Sauston Snd	13.1	-	18	64	sunny
Scarborough	8.3	-	15	59	bright
Scilly Isles	12.0	-	17	63	sunny
Southend	9.3	-	21	70	sunny
Stornoway	0.6	0.05	13	55	shower
Teignmouth	8.7	-	19	66	sunny
Tenby	8.5	-	18	64	sunny
Torquay	9.5	-	22	72	sunny
Worthing	11.6	-	19	66	sunny

London 9.52 pm to 4.13 am
Bristol 10.01 pm to 4.23 am
Edinburgh 10.33 pm to 3.57 am
Manchester 10.12 pm to 4.10 am
Penzance 10.08 pm to 4.42 am

Sun rises: 4.43 am
Sun sets: 9.22 pm
Moon rises: 7.53 am
Moon sets: 10.45 pm
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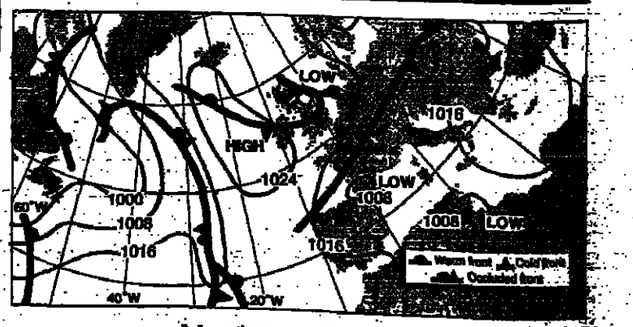
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
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B'mingham	14	57	c	Inverness	12	54	r
Blackpool	16	59	f	Jersey	20	68	s
Bristol	17	63	f	London	17	63	c
Cardiff	17	63	f	M'chester	14	57	c
Edinburgh	15	59	f	Newcastle	15	59	c
Glasgow	14	57	c	R'nkleway	15	59	f



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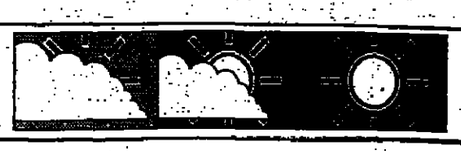
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London Bridge	4.04	7.2	4.24	7.1	Liverpool	1.14	9.3	1.39	9.2
Aberdeen	3.22	4.2	3.58	4.1	Lowestoft	11.38	2.6		
Avonmouth	9.39	12.8	9.54	13.1	Margate	2.12	4.7	2.36	4.8
Belfast	1.03	3.5	1.28	3.1	Milford Haven	8.34	6.7	8.52	6.9
Cardiff	9.24	11.8	9.39	12.1	Newquay	7.24	5.7	7.45	6.0
Devonport	5.11	5.1	5.28	5.4	Oban	8.06	3.7	8.14	3.9
Dover	12.57	6.4	1.28	6.6	Penzance	7.16	5.2	7.29	5.5
Falmouth	7.46	4.9	7.68	5.2	Portland	9.18	1.9	9.32	2.1
Glasgow	2.58	4.8	3.41	4.3	Portsmouth	1.17	4.6	1.49	4.7
Harwich	2.00	3.9	2.17	3.9	Shoreham	1.09	6.0	1.44	6.1
Holyhead	12.18	5.6	12.43	5.4	Southampton	12.51	4.4	1.25	4.4
Hull	8.33	7.2	9.04	7.2	Swansea	8.40	9.2	8.57	9.4
Ilfracombe	8.20	8.8	8.37	9.1	Tees	5.52	5.3	6.23	5.2
King's Lynn	8.40	6.6	9.15	6.8	Wilton-on-Nze	1.52	4.1	2.09	4.1
Leith	4.45	5.3	5.21	5.3					



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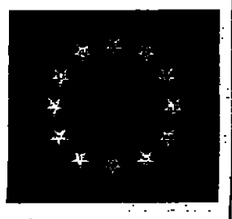


Thorn EMI has sold its lighting division for £162 million and may demerge its consumer electronic rental and music publishing and retail operations
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LACK OF SPARK

Wellcome shares fell after plans were scrapped to adapt its established heart and kidney treatment for patients with congestive heart failure
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Norman Lamont's resignation as Chancellor coincided with the biggest drop in consumer confidence since January 1991, a survey for the EC says
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POWER BOOST

Investors scored a quick profit in dealings of Northern Ireland Electricity shares, which closed at 126½p against the 100p partly paid offer
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THE POUND

US $	1.4903 (-0.0067)
German mark	2.5129 (-0.0013)
Exchange Index	79.8 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	2903.4 (+24.0)
Dow Jones	3499.19 (+4.42)*
Nikkei Avg	19212.43 (-682.11)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	6%
3-month Interbank	5⅞-5¾%
US Federal Funds	3⅛%*
3-month Treas Bills	3.06-3.04%*
Long Bond	6.78%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.4875*	£:$ 1.4890
$:DM 1.6890*	£:DM 2.5135
$:SWfr 1.5020*	£:SWfr 2.2365
$:Ffr 5.6770*	£:Ffr 8.4315
$:Yen 111.08*	£:Yen 165.28
£:SDR 1.0738	£:ECU 1.2795

London Forex market close

GOLD

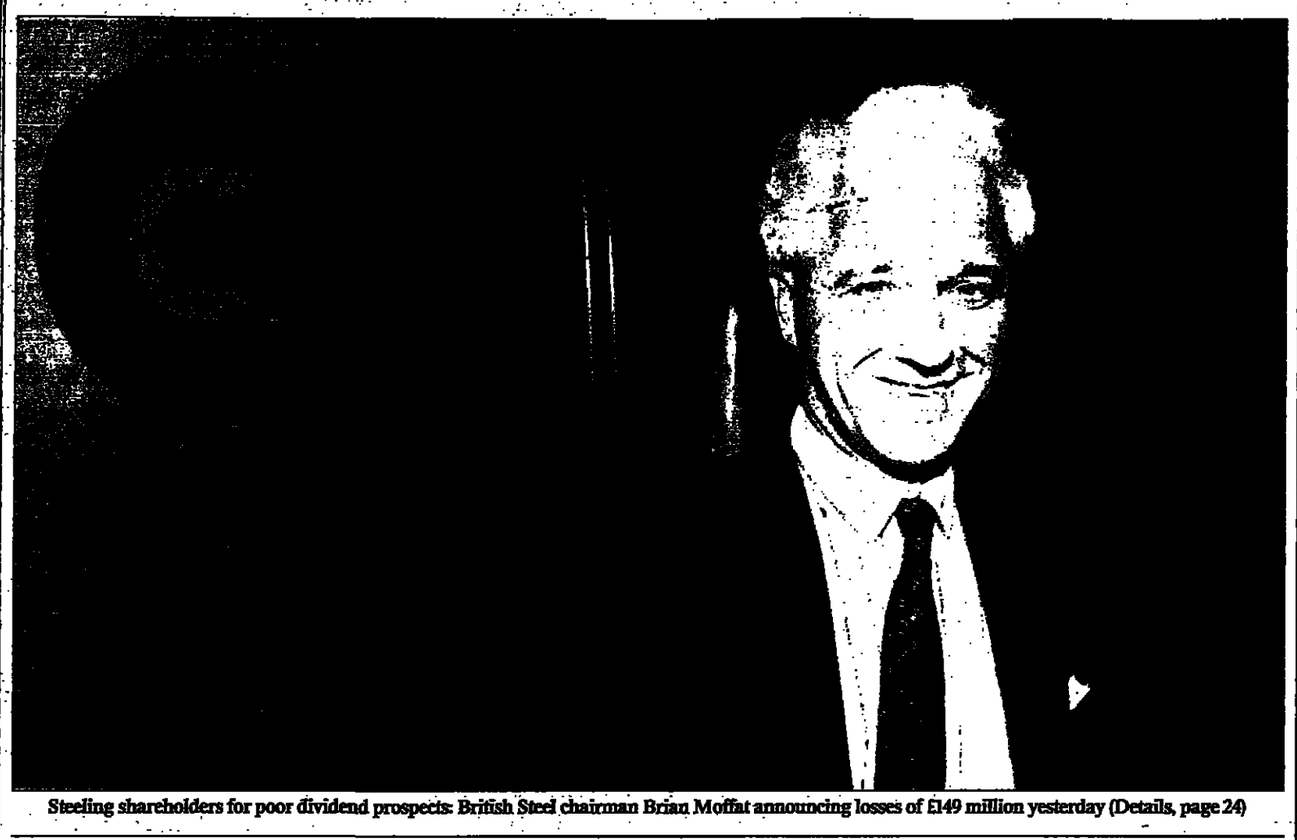
London Fixing ($):
AM 369.55 PM 370.55
Close 370.30-370.80
New York:
Comex 370.85-371.35*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 141.1 May (1.3%)

* Denotes midday trading price

PETER TRIEVNOR



Steeling shareholders for poor dividend prospects: British Steel chairman Brian Moffat announcing losses of £149 million yesterday (Details, page 24)

Losses at Lloyd's blamed on regulation

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

SELF-REGULATION of the Lloyd's of London insurance market does not work and is the root of the market's problems, said a leading insurance industry figure.

The market's self-regulation is partly to blame for the huge losses of recent years, set to be outstripped by today's announcement of record losses of up to £2.8 billion for the 1990 underwriting year.

Ulrich Von Eicken, the former managing director of Munich Reinsurance, said: "I maintain that it (self-regulation) will never work." This, Herr Von Eicken said on last night's *Panorama* programme, was because "who knows what will happen in four or six years' time."

Lloyd's was further attacked for allegedly giving preferential treatment for working names. New computer analysis of lists of Lloyd's syndicates by *Panorama* alleges Lloyd's insiders were successful in dodging big loss-making syndicates while outsiders suffered losses running into billions of pounds.

The programme says analysis of the seven Gooda Walker syndicates, which have lost almost £1 billion, showed working names were under-represented among the 5,000 names. Internal names made up less than 10 per cent of names between 1985 and 1990, against the 19 per cent market average.

David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's, said there were lots of lessons to be learnt from Gooda Walker, but "the council of Lloyd's regards it as its duty to set the regulatory framework. But what actually happened in the market itself was a matter for the market. I don't believe we can ever have that situation again."

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Bank backs plans for Asian shake-up

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE Bank of England is understood to be supporting plans for a reconstruction of Asian banking in the UK after the collapse of three banks serving the Gujerati business community.

The Bank, which has been criticised for the closures, is conscious that the Asian business community feels victimised after the collapse of Bank of Credit and Commerce International and subsequent problems with Asian banks, leading to the closures. Of the four Gujerati banks, three — Mount, Equitorial Bank and Roxburghe Bank — have closed and the fourth is running down its retail banking activities to concentrate on private banking.

Mount was closed last October at the request of the Bank which took the unusual step of applying to the High Court for a winding up petition. The Bank said Mount was closed on "just and equitable" grounds, which refers to the fitness and properness of those in charge.

Mount's administrators are investigating the possibility of a rescue. Part of the rescue mechanism involves moving from administration into a company voluntary arrangement. Philip Wallace, of KMPG Peat Marwick, one of the joint administrators, said papers setting out the terms of a corporate voluntary arrangement will be sent to creditors soon. He said the papers will explain that such an arrangement will "provide a mechanism whereby, to the extent to which we have funds available, we can make monies available to depositors".

Mount had 3,000 depositors, many of them Kenyan Asians living overseas. It had assets of £200 million and deposits of £166 million.

Mount's forced closure, combined with the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International in July 1991, were believed to be largely to blame for the liquidity problems that led to the closures of Equatorial Bank in March and of Roxburghe Bank in April.

Equatorial closed in March after large bad debt provisions put it in danger of having inadequate capital. It served 3,000 Asian small business customers in the UK. When it closed it had assets of £117 million. Roxburghe went into administration in April after a run on deposits caused a liquidity crisis. It has several hundred depositors.

The Bank refused to comment on its discussions with administrators of the banks.

Meanwhile Standard Chartered Bank is preparing to sue Mount for up to £150 million for its connections with an Indian broker. The broker was a Mount customer and Standard's claim is connected with accusations that he siphoned off money as part of the Indian stock market scandal.

Shareholders protest over payoffs to Invesco chiefs

BY JON ASHWORTH

DIRECTORS of Invesco, the troubled fund management group, were hauled over the coals yesterday at the first gathering of shareholders since Lord Stevens of Ludgate stepped down early as chairman.

The group, which was fined a record £750,000 by the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation this month after admitting 55 breaches of Imro rules, came in for heavy criticism over the level of payments to departing directors. Charles Brady, who succeeded Lord Stevens as chairman in April, was asked why shareholders should pay the price for the failure of directors who were guilty of "a lack of morality" or worse.

Mr Brady ascribed Invesco's problems to a long period of expansion during which certain technical matters were overlooked. He said: "Things got a little out of hand in the circumstances, but we are here to speak about the future, not the past." He described the meeting as "a new beginning", saying problems of the past had largely been structural.

Breaches of Imro rules, he said, had been primarily of a technical nature by people not paying attention to detail. There was no suggestion of any type of fraud. A "heightened sense of compliance" was now in evidence. The group is changing its name from Invesco MIM and has been reorganised under three semi-autonomous boards covering America, Europe and Asia.

Mr Brady refused to be drawn on the likely outcome of legal action by pensioners' trustees of Mirror Group Newspapers, who are suing an Invesco subsidiary over its management of part of the pension fund in 1990 and 1991. The subsidiary, Invesco MIM Management, denies liability. Mr Brady said: "It is impossible for me to comment on this matter, although we are sympathetic to the plight of the pensioners."

Angry shareholders asked why directors' salaries had risen 20 per cent when the dividend had halved. Payments to former directors were repeatedly attacked, with one shareholder commenting: "It seems to me that at the very best there has been a lack of morality".

In addition to Lord Stevens, who remains on the payroll until September, Nicholas Johnson, former deputy chairman, was paid £460,000 after he resigned in December. Mr Brady replied all directors were sensitive to such issues, saying: "Any money that's paid out comes out of my pocket, too."

Lord Rippon of Hexham, Sir David Nicolson and Kevin Ney were not seeking re-election as non-executive directors. The board was criticised for making £25,000 in political donations. Shareholders demanded a say in determining future payments.

Martin Adamson, partner of KPMG Peat Marwick, defended his firm's role as auditor of Invesco. Shareholders were angry that KPMG had been re-elected despite serving during the period of Ivesco's problems. Mr Adamson said KPMG had worked closely with Imro during its investigation. The firm was paid nearly £1.6 million in consultancy fees in addition to its audit fees last year.

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Stevens: departed early

All economic news is not necessarily bad news



ANTHONY HARRIS

Political economy is a fine study, which predates the over-computerised "science" we practise now. But figures do tell a story, and in reading it, politics should have no place. When a government is weak and unpopular, commentators are tempted to seize on any evidence as confirmation of disaster. It happened in America during the Bush years, and now it seems to be happening here. In the past week a series of figures — for inflation, unemployment, industrial output and the non-EC trade balance — have come out better than the consensus City forecasts. Just two — for retail sales and the house market — have weakened. Yet according to some analyses, it is all bad news.

Thus the inflation figures do not shake the consensus forecast that the rate will move up into the 4-6 per cent range, even though gilt-edged prices have strengthened. The unemployment figures must be cooked; if not, they suggest an unsustainable recovery that will widen the trade deficit and lead to a sterling crisis — even though sterling remains quite firm. The industrial output figures are a fool's paradise: we will shortly run out of capacity. The trade figures reflect the greed of exporters, who have failed to cut their foreign currency prices as an A-level economics course suggests that they should. Only the bad news is what it appears: it shows that the recovery is an illusion. And if none of this goes wrong, the fiscal deficit will sink us.

If you read that paragraph attentively, you will have noticed the advocate's tricks — my client wasn't there, and if he was, he was looking after his sick mother — and the inner contradictions. You may worry that the British recovery is so strong that it will hit the buffers, or so weak that it will fizzle out, but you cannot hold both views at the same time. You might even take off the blue spectacles and put on some with a rosier tint; and then see an economy in which export demand is the only strong source of growth. Has the economy possibly embarked on a sustainable recovery? That has worked in every other country that has tried it.

These cheery suspicions are strengthened if we examine the gloomy interpretations one by one. The inflation forecast cannot by its nature be disproved; but a forecast that is unaffected by the evidence is suspect. The evidence lies not only in the figures, and in the consumer behaviour that I discussed on Friday, but also in the CBI's industrial surveys. The number of companies that expect to be able to raise their home market prices is dwindling; they cannot make them stick. This almost certainly reflects the unexpected strength of import competition in the home market.

Many of those that export to us (and thereby alarm the pessimists) have not raised their prices as was expected after sterling's slide — any more than they did when faced with a bigger slide in the dollar. This is not just because of over-capacity. Even in good times, they price their export wares in local currency, on a medium-term view of profit. So do sophisticated British exporters. On any but a short view, sterling has not fallen very far; it has gone up and then down again. That is why our export prices have risen more sharply than import prices; it reflects good business practice, not greed.

On the same view of sterling, medium-term pessimists argue that we need a further devaluation to provoke the structural transformation that we will ultimately need. In real terms, this may well be true; but a real devaluation can also be attained as the French have tried to do, holding the exchange rate but cutting costs. We are doing the same, to judge from the 2.8 per cent annual fall in unit labour costs in the last quarter. (Good news? Just a cyclical illusion, according to the dark-cloud brigade.)

The same goes for most of the "bad" news. A modest bounce-back in employment is natural after such savage lay-offs. We may be short of capacity in the future; but at present, when only 7 per cent of CBI members expect to meet any capacity constraints, that future must be quite distant. As it approaches, we may hope to see investment joining exports as a source of growth. Meanwhile, the government frets about the deficit, and the public frets about the government. A runaway boom? Forget it.

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Consumer confidence at lowest since Gulf war

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

BRITISH consumer confidence plunged in the first two weeks of this month, the period covering the resignation of Norman Lamont as Chancellor and his replacement by Kenneth Clarke, according to a confidence survey carried out by Gallup for the European Commission.

The survey, conducted between June 2 and 15, showed the largest month-on-month fall in confidence since January 1991, when people were unsettled by the Gulf war. It showed that 30 per cent of the 1,981 people surveyed expected the economy to improve over the next year, but 31 per cent said it would worsen. This is in stark contrast to the May survey, which showed that 43 per cent were expecting improved economic activity and 22 per cent a deterioration.

The sharp fall in consumer confidence comes despite a run of more positive figures on the economy, including several months that have seen falling official unemployment statistics. Although the survey was conducted before the latest news of another fall in unemployment, a Gallup spokesman said that most people were forecasting an increase in unemployment over the next year.

Yesterday saw the release of worrying figures for trade with non-EC countries for last month. The visible trade deficit narrowed to £769 million from an upwardly revised deficit of £901 million in April, but this was due to oil and erratic items. Britain ran a small trade surplus on oil in May, the first since May 1988.

Excluding oil and erratics, which gives the best picture of the underlying trend, export volumes dropped in May while import volumes rose A Central Statistical Office statistician said that strong increases in export volumes in recent months appear "to have rather petered out".

Comparing the latest quarter with the one to February, exports were up 6 per cent and imports up 2.5 per cent, suggesting that the slow down in export volumes is recent.

Sterling was little changed on the trade figures with its trade weighted index ending at 79.8, compared with 79.9. The mark tended weaker amid concerns about the deteriorating German economy. A hawkish interpretation of the latest German money supply figures from the Bundesbank, which tended to militate against hopes of rate cuts soon, further undermined the mark (instead of supporting it, as such remarks have done in the past) because of concern that the Bundesbank's determination to control the money supply will be at the expense of economic growth.

As European leaders discussed how to promote growth and tackle unemployment, the Bank of France took advantage of the mark's weakness to cut another ¼ point off its intervention rate to 7 per cent, taking it below the German discount rate. Its move was followed by rate cuts in Belgium and The Netherlands.

The dollar continued to benefit against the yen from the turbulent political situation in Japan after the decision to hold snap elections on July 18. The dollar came in for some profit-taking after its strong rise over the past week, ending in London at about Y110.85 from Y109 on Friday. Against the mark, the dollar came off an earlier high of 1.6953 marks to trade at 1.6870 marks. The dollar is trading at about its highest levels since October 1991.

British Steel cuts payout after losses reach £149m

■ **British Steel gave warning that its finances could not compete if Europe wanted to "stack the cards" against Britain by means of continued state subsidy**

By Philip Bassett

BRITISH Steel gave warning yesterday, as it announced a big rise in losses to £149 million, that it would be forced to make further cuts in UK steelmaking capacity unless EC member states agreed to elimate all subsidies.

The company said any improvement in the UK steel market was likely to lag any general economic recovery in Britain. It is recommending a nominal 1p dividend and said future dividend prospects remained fragile.

Describing its worst annual results since privatisation in 1988 as "disappointing", British Steel added that taking action in Europe to cut 30 million tonnes of surplus capacity and end all subsidies for state-owned steel producers was now vital for the future of the European steel industry and for current levels of steelmaking in the UK.

Brian Moffat, chairman and chief executive, said: "Unless subsidies are eliminated by the [European] Commission and member states, there is a danger that efficient private-sector companies such as British Steel will be forced to reduce capacity further, while weaker but state-supported enterprises are sustained."

The EC Council of Ministers will meet at the end of next month to decide on applications by Italy and Spain for further aid for their steel industries. British Steel and the UK government are opposing any further subsidy for such producers, but British Steel managers accept a deal is likely to be struck balancing further aid against capacity cuts.

European steel companies are also negotiating among themselves a self-financing scheme to pay for plant closures and for uneconomic rivals to quit the industry.

Mr Moffat said, however, that if Europe wanted to "stack the cards" against British Steel by means of state subsidy, then the company's finances could not compete with that, and further cuts in UK capacity would have to be made. While no job cuts were planned, Mr Moffat said the company would cut jobs still further as opportunities arose.

There was an overall job cut in 1992-93 of 7,400, taking the workforce at the start of this year to 42,100, though the company said net job losses after internal reorganisation were about 3,800. Much of the loss was due to the closure of the Ravenscraig works in Scotland, which made a big impact on the overall results through improved efficieny.

The main cause of the surge in trading losses was lower selling prices throughout Europe against a background of weak demand for steel — 5 per cent lower in the EC market than the previous year, and still falling, especially in Germany.

In what the company said was a difficult year, sales volumes were down by 8 per cent to 6.1million tonnes in the UK and by 3 per cent to 3.4 million tonnes in mainlaind Europe. Total turnover across the business fell by 2 per cent to 11.9 million tonnes. Trading losses were £113 million, compared with £98 million in 1992. After taking account of rationalisation costs and interest charges, pre-tax losses rose from £55 million to £149 million.

Like its competitors, British Steel has been hit by sliding prices throughout Europe, though the company has now managed to make stick two price increases this year, totalling about 9 per cent.

Prices are still between 15 per cent and 20 per cent below their level of two years ago, and 35 per cent below their 1989 peak. Mr Moffat said British Steel would increase its prices again at the first commercial opportunity.

Shareholders will receive a payout of just 1p per share, less than a quarter of the 4.5p for the previous year. Losses per share rose to 6.5p from 1.7p. British Steel said the reinstatement of dividend payments would require a sustained recovery in profitability, which was heavily dependent on a continued improvement in prices, and that in turn was dependent on resolving capacity and state aid problems in Europe.

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High flyer: Sir John Egan, the chief executive of BAA, who received salary and benefits of £532,000 last year

BAA chief's package boosted by bonus

By Michael Clark

THE latest report and accounts from BAA, the independent airport operator, reveal that the remuneration package of Sir John Egan, chief executive, rose from £445,000 to £532,000 last year.

His pay packet was boosted by a contribution from a bonus scheme entitling directors to receive up to 40 per cent of their salary subject to growth in earnings a share. In the case of Sir John this was calculated at an estimated £82,000. A fall in earnings a share during 1991 meant that the target was not reached and no bonus was paid to his total package of £445,000.

Unfunded pension scheme contributions were worth an extra £132,000 to the package along with a further £91,000 relating to previous service.

Sir John also has options on a total of 293,620 shares exercisable at an average price of 386p. BAA closed last night at 723p after going ex-dividend giving Sir John an unrealised potential profit of £989,499.

Last year BAA, which owns and operates Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Glasgow and Edinburgh airports, raised pre-tax profits almost 50 per cent to £285 million on revenue 5.5 per cent higher at £952 million. Earnings a share rose 37.2 per cent to 41.7p.

Salesman admits breaking the law

By Carl Mortished

IAN Lloyd-Wright, the offshore investment salesman based in South Africa who is being pursued by the Securities and Investments Board for illegally carrying on investment business in the United Kingdom, has supplied a statement to the High Court admitting that he has continued to advise clients who have repatriated to the UK.

"I am guilty of contravention of certain aspects of the Financial Services Act and although a warrant may be issued for my arrest, it will not prove easy to enforce . . . After ten years in the Marines, I am used to hardship and will survive the experience (health permitting) should I decide to place myself in the hands of the authorities."

In a lengthy affidavit, Mr Lloyd-Wright accuses the SIB of making wild assumptions about financial transactions with only a portion of the information available.

His statement says that Andrew Kitallides is Mr Lloyd-Wright's largest investor, with funds currently valued at £637,000. According to Mr Lloyd-Wright, Mr Kitallides acts on behalf of a syndicate of overseas investors, as their broker.

"I normally do not know who the originator of the funds is — or the source, but I am confident that there are no monies managed which have been immorally acquired," he says.

"I do not enquire too closely where funds originate, although I make it quite clear that I do not, nor have I ever 'laundered' money. I have been approached on this matter many times in the past and I have always declined to be involved. I receive the funds from my clients and deal with the funds accordingly."

Mr Lloyd-Wright, who failed to turn up to a hearing on June 8, continues to refuse to supply information about the whereabouts of about £4 million of investments on the ground that it would prejudice the interests of his clients.

"There is no evidence put forward that shows I have not maintained my commitments to clients to date . . . I cannot, however, submit to demands for information in any way whatsoever, especially where it does not apply to UK residents."

The SIB is now seeking a court date to respond to Mr Lloyd-Wright's statement. The Department of Trade and Industry is petitioning the High Court to wind up LW Investment Corporation, Mr Lloyd-Wright's company, on the ground of public interest. The Official Receiver was appointed provisional liquidator of the company last month.

Alexon is suspended over report on rights

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

ALEXON, the faltering fashion retailer, was forced to request a suspension of dealings in its shares yesterday after a press report of an impending rights issue as part of its financial restructuring.

The new management, which took over after three executives were forced out in April after pressure from institutions, had planned to release the group's long-awaited report and accounts for the 53 weeks to January 30 this week.

The accounts, likely to show far higher losses than the £986,000 anounced after the new board took a more realistic view on stocks, were to be accompanied by a call for as much as £20 million from shareholders, as part of nearly completed talks with bankers on a loan restructuring.

The accounts will contain a compensation payment, likely to total nearly £1 million, for the three departed — Lawrence Snyder, former chairman, and the two joint chief operating officers, Ruth Henderson and Peter Ridsdale.

But Alexon was yesterday required to ask the Stock Exchange for a temporary suspension of its listing at 78p after news of the possible rights issue was made public.

Business Roundup

Court appoints trustees to Melton Medes funds

JUDICIAL trustees are to be appointed to pension funds operated by Melton Medes, the Nottingham-based trading company that bought two Lancashire paper mills in 1986. Following a High Court ruling yesterday, Neil Cooper and Ipe Jacob of Robson Rhodes will act as trustees.

The court had heard that the Securities and Investments Board wants to join its proceedings with those of the Graphical Paper and Media Union and the pension fund members. The SIB issued a writ last month claiming back £1 million, plus a separate £691,000 and various shareholdings from Melton Medes Pension Trustees, the company and its chairman and chief executive. The writ said the pension trustees broke City regulations by investing part of the Robert Fletcher (Greenfield) pension fund in 1 million Marling Industries shares and/or investing part of the Robert Fletcher (Stoneclough) pension fund in 720,000 Marling shares in 1990. Greenfield and Fletcher were the two mills bought by Melton Medes. The trustees will take over legal proceedings and decide how much the defendants should be sued for.

Amberley goes into red

AMBERLEY Group, a supplier of building preservation services, incurred losses of £91,000 before tax in the year to March 31, against profits of £73,000 last time. The final dividend is unchanged at 1p, payable from losses of 1.26p a share, against earnings of 0.46p. The company said its priority was to restore the health of the original French and Belgian businesses and grow by acquisition. In the long term, it intends to obtain a full listing in London.

C&J Clark chief to quit

WALTER Dickson is to step down early as chairman of C&J Clark, the West Country shoemaker, in the wake of the failure to secure a bid for the company by Berisford International. A committee has been formed to oversee the election process, nominate an independent non-executive chairman and prepare a shortlist of independent non-executive directors. Roger Pedder has been appointed deputy chairman.

GE nearer GPA deal

AMERICA'S GE Capital has moved nearer to taking over the GPA Group and emerging as the world's single largest aircraft leasing group. Broad principles have been agreed that will allow GE to manage the entire GPA fleet. The move is part of GE's $1.35 billion plan to save GPA from the bankruptcy courts. GPA still has to raise $150 million from existing shareholders, who will also have to approve the overall restructuring.

Kingfisher acquisition

KINGFISHER, the Woolworth to B&Q stores group, has bought the retail operations of Unipart, the automotive group, for £3 million. Once the 18 outlets have been integrated into Charlie Browns Autocentres, Kingfisher's own 61-store car-parts subsidiary, the chain will be one of the top five in the £1.7 billion spares and accessories market. Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy, chairman, said: "The acquisition will strengthen the Charlie Browns brand." Tempus, page 27

Profits slump at Allen

ALLEN, the housebuilding, plant hire and contracting group, suffered a 53 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £1.5 million in the year to March 31, with lower returns from all divisions. David Greenhalgh, chairman, said the results compared well with those of most competitors. Profits from contracting halved to £0.7 million, while housebuilding fell 27 per cent to £1.5 million. Earnings per share dropped from 9.69p to 5.05p and the dividend is maintained at 5p.

Forth Ports confident

FORTH Ports, floated on the stock market in March last year, said trading was ahead of expectations in the first six months and was confident about the rest of the year. The Edinburgh company also announced the sale of land under a contract with its joint-venture company, Victoria Quays. The land, priced at £1.95 million, will be developed as offices and sold by Victoria Quays for occupation by the Scottish Office. Forth Ports will be paid once the building is finished.

Two buys for Sidlaw

SIDLAW, the Dundee textiles and packaging group, has bought Deeside Packaging and Shield Packaging. Deeside, in Stonehaven, near Aberdeen, which cost £1.7 million, made profits after interest and before tax of £243,000 on a turnover of £2.5 million in the year to March 31. Shield, in Washington, Co Durham, cost £2 million and made a pre-tax loss of £65,000 in the year to January 9 on a turnover of £7.5 million. The two companies' 179 staff will be kept on.

Aiwa jobs lift for Wales

AIWA, the Japanese audio-electronics manufacturer, is creating almost 500 new jobs at its factory in Crumlin, Gwent. The company, which produces hi-fi and CD players, is investing £27 million in an expansion programme that will double its manufacturing capability. The Welsh Development Agency is constructing an extension to the factory, and when this is completed in three years' time, more than 1,000 people will be employed at the plant.

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Wellcome shares dip after heart drug study is halted

By George Sivell, City Editor

WELLCOME shares fell 27p to 703p yesterday after John Robb, chief executive, announced the company was stopping work on a study of how Flolan, an established heart and kidney drug, could also help patients with severe congestive heart failure.

Flolan has sales of just £5 million a year and has been used for more than ten years.

The company also faces a challenge in a North Carolina court next week over its exclusive right to make and market AZT, the Aids drug whose usefulness was recently called into question by the Medical Research Council. However, the drug remains the first line of defence in treatment of HIV and Aids infection.

Both Barr Laboratories and Novopharm are taking action against Wellcome. If they win, they will be able to start selling cheap copies of AZT in the American market. Barr claims it could knock 50 per cent off the price of AZT in America.

The jury trial begins on June 28 and is expected to last between four and six weeks and involve 260 witnesses.

Barr and Novopharm argue that Wellcome's American patents, which expire in 2002, are invalid because the company failed to acknowledge scientists from the National Institute of Health as co-inventors of the therapy. Wellcome says the NIH scientists merely carried out confirmatory tests. An American judge opted for a full trial of the case after a summary hearing on June 3.

Amersham, meanwhile, enjoyed a 9p rise in its shares to 775p after announcing marketing approval from the American Food and Drug Administration for Metastron, a drug that controls the pain from secondary cancer in bones. Zeneca, the recently demerged life sciences arm of ICI, is to promote sales of Metastron to urologists and oncologists. Amersham will retain promotion to nuclear medicine physicians, radiopharmacists and radiation oncology specialists.

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Robb: AZT dispute

Zeneca slips before cash-call deadline

By Our City Editor

ZENECA shares slipped 4p to 618p yesterday, before the midnight last night deadline for shareholders to take up rights to the £1.3 billion cash call from ICI, chaired by Sir Denys Henderson, as part of the terms of the demerger of its life sciences businesses.

But advisers to ICI and Zeneca appeared confident the issue had been well supported by shareholders. Earlier in the rights issue period Zeneca shares fell close to the 600p issue price, raising fears that the offer would appear unattractive and that a large number of shares would be left with the City institutions that had underwritten the issue.

The offer looked vulnerable after the underperformance in pharmaceuticals this year on fears that a number of governments led by the Clinton administration, would limit prices and profits. But ICI had said it would demerge in July 1992, when the pharmaceutical sector was at a premium to the market and it seemed sensible to raise cash by offering more highly rated pharmaceutical paper. A final decision on the demerger and cash call was taken in March this year after the pharmaceutical sector began to slide.

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Henderson: demerger

Bonn to keep majority stake in Telekom

From Reuter
in Bonn

GERMANY'S telecommunications commission has finalised an agreement that grants the state a majority stake in Deutsche Bundespost Telekom once it is privatised, commission sources said.

The commission, grouping telecoms experts from the ruling coalition and opposition Social Democrats (SPD), will present its report to parliamentary groups today.

The report states the government's stake in the telecoms monopoly must not fall below 50 per cent and that funds from the sale should primarily go to the company, rather than be used to cut the federal deficit. It is not clear whether the government parties — Christian Democrats, Christian Social Union and Free Democrats — will vote on the report today because the SPD has already said it could not rule on the report this week.

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Thorn EMI sells lighting unit and plans other sales

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

■ Disposal of Thorn EMI's lighting business will result in a £43 million charge, offsetting a £34 million gain from the sale of the Thames Television stake

THE £162 million sale of Thorn EMI's lighting division, formerly a core activity, could presage an eventual demerger of the group into its main activities of consumer electronics rental and music publishing and retailing.

Thorn has agreed to sell the business to a company controlled by Investcorp, the Bahrain-backed investment vehicle, and has two other divestments on the slipway, of its defence business, worth up to £150 million, and of its security activities.

It refused to comment on suggestions that it has a buyer for the defence arm, Lord Weinstock's GEC. The security business, which could be worth upwards of £60 million, has also been identified by Sir Colin Southgate, the Thorn chairman, as a non-core business and has been discreetly offered for sale.

The Thorn report and accounts, published yesterday as the lighting division sale was announced, show Sir Colin was awarded a £230,000 performance-related bonus for 1992-3, based on internal profit targets. No payment was made for either of the two previous financial years. As a result of the bonus, Sir Colin saw his total salary rise last year from £420,000 to £703,000.

The £162 million consideration for the lighting business, part of Thorn since 1928, will bring in £137 million in cash and another £16.3 million in loan notes. Thorn is also retaining a 12 per cent stake valued at £8.7 million.

Investcorp, which is backing the purchase on behalf of a group of investors, including the management who will have 3 per cent, has taken stakes in a number of European companies and still holds 50 per cent of Gucci, the fashion group, and Saks Fifth Avenue, the American retailer.

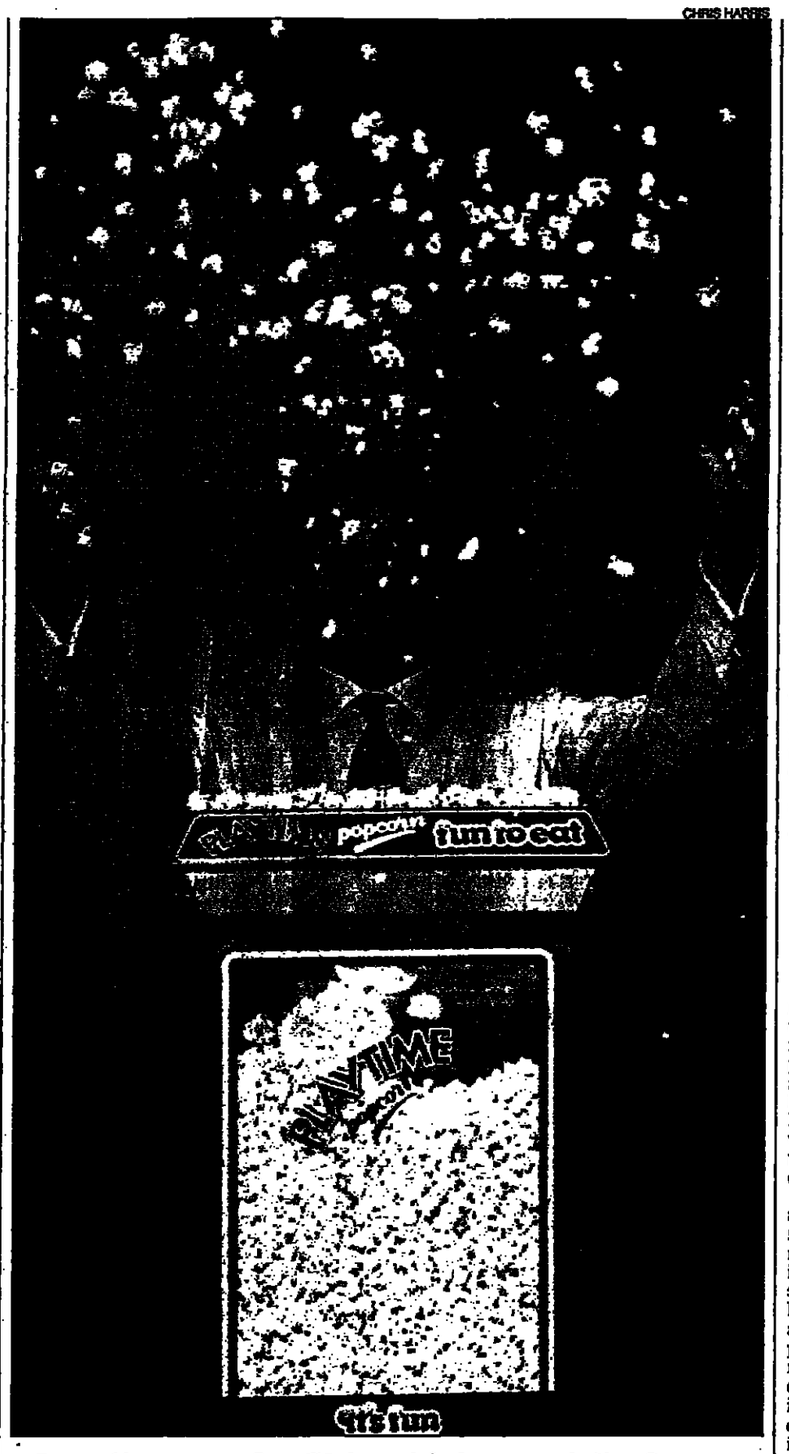
The sale, under the new accounting rules dealing with goodwill write-offs, will require Thorn to take a £43 million exceptional charge after tax in the current year, offset by a £34 million gain from the sale earlier this year of its stake in Thames Television to Pearson.

The sale of the remaining two non-core businesses, likely before the end of this year, will mark the completion of Sir Colin's restructuring of Thorn. Analysts believe an eventual demerger of the remaining businesses is one option under consideration.

Thorn shares, which sprinted ahead 25p to 920p on news of the lighting deal yesterday, have been strong performers this summer, but a standalone music business with strong prospects for growth could be expected to command a higher rating than the more mature rentals side, so increasing the attraction in coming years for a demerger.

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CHRIS HARRIS



Popcorn king: pre-tax profits at JLI, the snack foods group run by Yoav Gottesman (above), were up 64 per cent to £5.2 million in the year to March 31. Earnings per share increased 6per cent to 9.3p and the total dividend rose from 4.5p to 4.65p.

Power debut for NI Electricity

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

SHARES in Northern Ireland Electricity staged a sparkling debut, surging to a 27½p premium at 127½p, against the partly paid issue price of 100p, and providing several hundred thousand investors with an instant profit.

First-day dealing in the highly successful new shares was heavy, with volume swelling to 47 million shares.

It emerged at the end of last week that NIE's public offering was 3.9 times subscribed before clawback.

The clawback was automatically triggered, with about two-thirds of the offer, amounting to 107 million shares, allocated to the general public. This represented the highest percentage alloted to the public in any electricity privatisation.

About 52 million shares were allocated to institutions and 5.4 million have been retained by the Government, to meet bonus share obligations.

A total of about 490,000 applications were received for 300 million shares, with NIE customers making up some 140,000 of those applying for holdings.

All registered NIE customers were alloted shares, while 93 per cent of registered non-customers received an allocation.

But many non-customers were left without any shares as applications were scaled back sharply. NM Rothschild, the merchant bank handling the sale for the Government, imposed a maximum allocation of 260 shares for non-customers, while non-customers applying for more than 1,000 shares got nothing at all.

Top priority went to customers applying through share shops, followed by customers applying directly from the NIE Share Information Office. All customers seeking 300 shares or less received their full allocation.

Interim certificates are expected to be despatched on Thursday.

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Insurers on course for profit this year

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

LARGE rises in premiums in the past year are expected to return the insurance companies back to profit for 1993, says the Association of British Insurers (ABI). But Ian Rushton, ABI chairman, gave warning that "it would only take a couple of storms and it could all go wrong again".

Speaking after the ABI's annual meeting, Mr Rushton said the industry needed to replenish reserves. In 1992 the industry made its third consecutive general insurance loss, paying out £1.15 in claims and expenses for every £1 of premiums. Even after investment earnings on shareholders' and insurance funds the industry made a trading loss of 0.2 per cent. This was an improvement from the 12 per cent loss in 1991 and reflected a cut in operating expenses, loss prevention initiatives, lower claims and rate increases. The industry is expected to raise premiums further this year, partly to offset the continuing fall in investment returns.

There was a big fall in UK underwriting losses, where general premium income rose 12.5 per cent to £18.9 billion. Worldwide premiums increased 13.9 per cent to £31.1 billion. UK motor premiums rose 12 per cent, non-motor premiums 11 per cent and domestic mortgage-indemnity losses fell from £1.2 billion to £750 million.

On the life and pensions side, 1992 premiums totalled a record £43.1 billion, up 8.9 per cent, but there was also a jump in payments to UK policyholders, up 16.5 per cent to £27.7 billion. Life assurance policy surrenders rose 8 per cent, death claims 11 per cent and maturities 20 per cent.

CBI urges career advice shake-up

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS leaders yesterday called for a radical reshaping of Britain's system of career guidance to help provide the constantly retrained employees industry is likely to need.

The initiative, to be formally launched today by the Confederation of British Industry (CBI), proposes a credit system similar to the training credits now being operated by the government, which also stemmed from CBI proposals.

Under the CBI's plans, individuals would be provided with guidance "credits" to buy specific career guidance from their local training and enterprise councils, the private-sector bodies that now enact government training programmes in Britain.

The councils would contract the provision of career guidance and advice directly from the government, within a proposed advisory council that would set national standards and develop codes of practice.

The CBI's aim is to create local markets in the provision of career advice that would ensure the system responds effectively to individuals' needs.

Because people could now expect to change careers four or five times during their working lives, the CBI said, they needed to have access to first-class career guidance — not just when leaving school or college but throughout their working lives.

Howard Davies, director-general of the CBI, said yesterday: "Guidance credits give individuals real purchasing power to buy guidance when and from whom they like. They will encourage the creation of a true market in advice, raising standards across the country."

The CBI also wants better training for career practitioners, and more help for redundant workers, women returners, ex-offenders and the long-term unemployed.

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Japanese jitters send the Nikkei plunging

FROM AP IN TOKYO

NERVOUSNESS over the political upheaval in Japan sent the Tokyo Stock Exchange's main index plunging 3 per cent yesterday and drove the yen down sharply against the American dollar.

The Nikkei lost 592.11 points, closing at 19,212.43. It had shed 120.97 points, or 0.61 per cent, on Friday. Trading was nervous and relatively thin as traders tried to assess the political developments.

Kiichi Miyazawa, the prime minister, lost a no-confidence vote in Parliament on Friday and was forced to call early elections. Defectors from his Liberal Democratic party were threatening to form coalitions with opposition parties to challenge the LDP's 38-year rule.

Daniel Murell, a trader with Sanyo Securities, said: "The market is pretty confused. It's really very hard to predict what's going to happen in the political situation, and that was reflected in the market." George Nimmo, of SBCI Securities, concurred. He said: "We are in new territory here."

Volume on the first section was estimated at 340 million shares, up from 253.64 million on Friday. Declining issues outnumbered advancing shares 1,044 to 52, while 31 issues were unchanged.

The Tokyo stock price index of all issues listed on the first section, which had lost 6.27 points Friday, fell another 56.04 points, or 3.53 percent, closing at 1,587.32 points. Meanwhile, the dollar closed at 110.48 yen, up 3.08 yen from Friday's close in Tokyo. After opening at 109.36 yen, it ranged between 109.35 yen and 110.88 yen. The dollar rose to 109.75 yen on Friday in New York, the first market to react to Japan's political turmoil.



Making a point: a money dealer at Tokyo's foreign exchange market yesterday

In Tokyo, where it closed at a record low of 105.03 yen last Tuesday, the dollar has gained a total of 5.45 yen in four trading days, mainly because of the failure of Mr Miyazawa's government failure to enact promised measures to clean up the country's scandal-plagued politics. Traders said that the dollar would move unpredictably before the elections to be held on July 18 for the lower house.

Kaoru Mori, a currency dealer at the Sakura Bank, said: "It's easy to understand how the possibility that postwar Japan's stable one-party rule will crumble would stir up dollar buying." The dollar also was benefiting from the view that American interest rates would remain at current levels after Wayne Angell, a governor of the US Federal Reserve, predicted a strong US economic recovery.

But traders said that a lack of progress in American and Japanese trade negotiations might push the dollar back down in the long run. Washington and Tokyo have disagreed over how best to reduce Japan's huge trade surplus.

It is believed that a weaker dollar will help cut Japan's surplus by making American imports in Japan cheaper and Japanese exports to the US more expensive. But economists are split on the efficacy of such a policy.

BP-Azeri oil talks go on despite turmoil

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

NEGOTIATIONS between three groups of Western oil companies and Socar, the Azerbaijan state oil company, continued in London yesterday despite political upheaval in the former Soviet state.

BP signed a memorandum of understanding in September with the Azeris to put forward proposals to develop an oifield containing up to two billion barrels of oil in the Caspian Sea. The development proposals would have involved BP in spending up to £40 million but it is understood that nowhere near this amount has been spent yet.

Two other oilfield develoment projects in the Caspian have been awarded to groups led by Pennzoil and Amoco. The Azeris intend to develop all three fields as one unit. The Western companies are proceeding with the talks because they believe that whatever the political outcome in Azerbaijan, foreign investment is needed to generate hard currency income.

Azerbaijan's parliament yesterday appealed to Abulfaz Elchibey the country's president, to return to Baku. He fled the capital on Friday after it was surrounded by rebel forces following election of Heidar Aliyev as parliament chairman. Mr Aliyev was KGB chief of Azerbaijan during the Brezhnev era.

BP, in alliance with Statoil, the Norwegian state oil company, is the only British based oil explorer with any major investment in the oil-rich republic but contracts to several other British companies could arise from any successful conclusion to the negotiations.

BP/Statoil along with Amoco Corp, Pennzoil, Unocal Corp, McDermott International, and the Turkish Petroleum Corp are meeting in London with Socar. As part of the deal to develop all three fields as one, BP/Statoil was offered 36.7 per cent of the venture, with Amoco offered 24.3 per cent, Penzoil 17 per cent and Unocal 16 per cent and the remainder going to McDermott and the Turkish Petroleum Corp. They have all taken up the offer.

STOCKMARKET

Rate cut talk helps to push shares over 2,900

RENEWED speculation about a possible cut in interest rates helped shares in London to push through the 2,900 level.

Equities shrugged off the effects of a cluster of stocks going ex-dividend and a heavy overnight fall in Tokyo to rise steadily on the first day of the new account as support emerged for the market.

Shares were lifted by last month's non-EC visible trade deficit numbers, which were better than expected. This, in turn, prompted renewed hopes from some traders that the data would encourage the Chancellor of the Exchequer to cut UK interest rates in the near term.

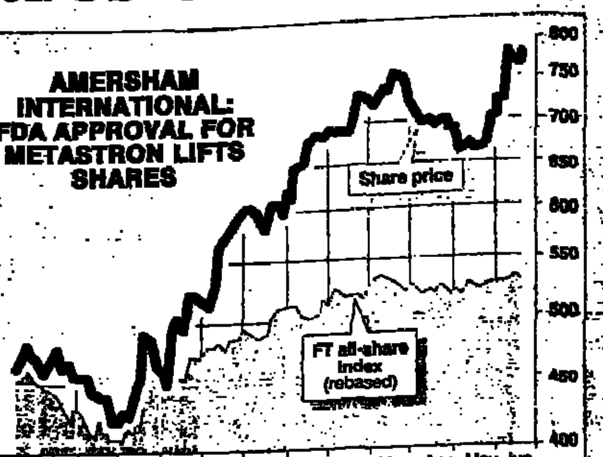
Speculation was heightened by rate cuts in France and Portugal as well as comments in Copenhagen by John Major, the prime minister, that interest rates in the European Community were still too high.

A positive start to trading on Wall Street further bolstered sentiment in London. The FT-SE 100 index came back from a low of 5.8 points adrift at the open to finish at its best level of the day, 24.0 points ahead at 2,903.4. Volume, boosted by active first-day trading in Northern Ireland Electricity, reached 570.4 million.

Ex-dividend stocks included **Argyll**, down 5p to 326p, **BAA**, off 5p to 723p, **BET**, unchanged at 115p, **Burton**, ½p easier at 86p, **Northern Foods**, up 4p to 260p, **Severn Trent**, down 8p to 461p, **Wessex Water**, 19p lower at 553p, **Vodafone**, 6p firmer at 452p, **Racal**, 1p easier at 222p, **Johnson Matthey**, 7p weaker at at 437p, and **Unigate**, 9p softer at 349p.

The £1.3 billion rights issue in **Zeneca**, the bio-sciences arm of ICI now demerged into a separate company, closed last night with a take-up of 80 per cent predicted by the market.Zeneca shares eased 4p to 618p — comfortably above the 600p issue price.

ICI rose 4p to 701p, buoyed as international stocks gained from the stronger dollar. Reuters added 16p to £13.47. **British Steel** was well bid, firming ¼p to 98¾p on volume of 18 million in spite of cutting



its dividend after plunging to a largely-expected final pre-tax loss of £149 million (£55 million loss). Elsewhere in the sector, **ASW Holdings** fell 8p to 205p.

Amersham International, the health science group, added 9p to 775p, ex-dividend, after it received approval from the US Food and Drug Administration for Metastron, its injectable radio-pharmaceutical designed to help control the pain of secondary cancer that has spread to the bone. The FDA approval means that Metastron now has marketing approval in 12 countries.

Grand Metropolitan increased 12p to 426p before a presentation today and reports of switching out of **Guinness**, up 1p at 485p.

Thorn EMI pushed through the 900p barrier as the group announced the sale of its lighting division to Investcorp, a Bahrain investment bank, for £162 million.

Analysts said that the deal would leave Thorn better placed to focus on its main divisions, music and electronic rentals, where it has a strong global presence and financial muscle, and would cut its gearing by about a third. The shares were up 25p to 920p. **Ladbroke** rose 3p to 184½p on the issue of 53.2 million new shares to investors who opted for the enhanced share alternative to the 1992 final dividend, which had a basis price of 175.75p per share.

Tottenham Hotspur gained 8p to 107p, bolstered by the announcement at the weekend that Osvaldo Ardiles will become the football club's manager.

Several hundred thousand investors in **Northern Ireland Electricity** gained an instant profit as the partly-paid shares made a sparkling debut, closing at 126½p, against the issue price of 100p, on heavy volume of 51 million.

RPC Group also enjoyed a healthy first-day premium, with the new issue closing at 164p, against a placing price of 125p.

Tesco firmed 4p to 217p after launching a ten-year bond issue to raise £200 million. The 2003 issue, which has a coupon of 8.75 per cent, is lead managed by Credit Suisse First Boston.

☐ Gilt-edged stocks enjoyed good gains across the market. Longer dated stocks again pushed on, helped by a continued lack of sellers. But shorts also did well, boosted by some switching. On the futures market, the September series of the Long Gilt gained 18 ticks to £106⁴/₃₂, on a volume of 41,000 contracts.

Harrisons & Crosfield firmed 1p to 176p in spite of a downgrade from Hoare Govett. Hoare has left this year's profit forecast unchanged at £100 million (£85 million), but next year's estimate is cut from £117 million to £113 million. Hoare is maintaining its hold recommendation.

PHILIP PANGALOS

Small firms 'squeezed out' of US market

FROM AP IN NEW YORK

THE Justice Department is investigating whether the US government and large Wall Street bond dealers colluded to restrict the dealings of smaller firms in the government securities market.

The Public Securities Association yesterday confirmed that the trade group has received a subpoena from the Justice Department's anti-trust division. The allegations are that the PSA colluded with large government bond dealers by increasing the recommended price increments for trades in government notes.

In theory, the higher increments could make it more expensive for smaller players to improve on secondary market bids placed by the large securities firms. *The Wall Street Journal* said ten major firms, including Goldman Sachs, Bear Stearns, J.P. Morgan and PaineWebber received subpoenas.

The investigation centers on a 1991 rule approved by the PSA concerning incremental price changes in Treasury notes when securities firms were seeking to increase, or top, their bids. The increment was increased to 1-64th from 1-128th of the note's face value.

The PSA said changes were made after seeking public comment. "We believe that once (the Department of Justice) has reviewed all of the facts concerning the recommendation, it will conclude that no anti-trust enforcement action is warranted," the PSA said.

BAT appeal ruling in US confirmed

THE US Supreme Court has affirmed a ruling that threw out a $148.8 million award to Brooke Group in its anti-trust suit against Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp, a BAT Industries subsidiary.

Brooke, then known as Liggett Group, had sued Brown & Williamson over predatory pricing of generic cigarettes from 1984-85. It alleged Brown & Williamson, while maintaining high profits from its branded cigarettes, charged below-cost prices on generic cigarettes to force Liggett to raise prices or stop selling them.

After a 115-day jury trial, Liggett was awarded $148.8 million damages. But a federal judge overturned the judgment in 1990, a decision upheld by a US appeals court. *(Reuter)*

Renold bounces back into profit

BY CARL MORTISHED

RENOLD, the Manchester engineering company that manufactures chains and gears for plant and machinery, scraped into a profit of £1.2 million in the year to April 3 after £3 million losses in 1992.

Trading profits were £4.6 million, compared with £400,000 in the previous year as a result of improved efficiency and cost-cutting. Lowering the cost base has led to a loss of 200 jobs during the year and exceptional redundancy costs of £1.4 million.

Renold sells 80 per cent of its product outside the UK with half destined for OEM vehicle and plant manufacturers. Turnover for the financial period just ended was up 4 per



Frost: flat demand

cent to £125 million but John Allan, the finance director, said that volumes were static, and he hopes that UK exports, currently running at about £25 million, will be helped by the fall in sterling. Renold's American operations returned to profit last year after major cost reductions, as did the French business which benefited from growth in chain volumes.

The dividend for the year is maintained at 1p and remains uncovered by 0.9p of earnings compared with last year's loss per share of 5.6p. Gearing fell from 25 per cent to 23 per cent.

Renold has been cutting costs and improving manufacturing efficiency. Sales were 4 per cent higher at £125 million, mainly because of exchange differences rather than volumes.

Peter Frost, chairman, said trading was flat in the UK and demand for chain and gear products was lower in western Europe. Australia and New Zealand showed the only signs of higher activity. In the absence of volume growth, the company has been focusing on achieving greater efficiency and Renold has now largely completed a five-year £33 million investment programme.

Dow flat in early trading

New York — Wall Street stocks were off their highs in early trading in what analysts described as a trendless market. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 1.39 to 3,493.38 after hitting 3,511.93.

Phil Orlando, portfolio manager at First Capital Advisers, said: "You have pockets of strength, but no real trend that is prominent."

Gerald Simmons, head of institutional trading at Interstate/Johnson Lane, said: "If anything permeates the market, I would say it's the numerous stocks that are down as a result of negative earnings, and that gives the market a kind of downbeat tone."

The market opened with some modest strength thanks to a stronger dollar and steady bond market.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Share prices closed sharply lower, with the Hang Seng index sliding 2.74 per cent as the Sino-British Joint Liaison Group ended a first day of talks on Hong Kong with no comment on any progress, brokers said. The Hang Seng index closed at the day's low, down 197.17 points at 7,003.58, after falling 145 points during the morning.

☐ **Singapore** — Shares ended lower as the market went through what brokers called a correction from an overbought position in late May, brokers reported. The Straits Times industrial index fell 6.71 points to 1,819.49.

☐ **Sydney** — Shares closed lower as stocks in Tokyo plunged in response to Japan's political crisis. The all-ordinaries index closed 3.8 points lower at 1,726.6. *(Reuter)*

	Jun 21 midday	Jun 18 close
AMP Inc	62⅞	62¾
AMR Corp	61⅞	62⅛
Abbott Labs	26¼	26⅛
Aetna Life	55	54⅞
Ahmanson (HF)	16⅞	17⅛
Air Prod & Chem	40⅞	40⅝
Albertson's	52⅞	52⅞
Alcan Alumnm	19⅝	19⅝
Alco Standard	49⅞	49⅞
Allied Signal	66⅛	65¼
Alum Co of Am	67⅞	67½
Amax	22⅝	22⅛
Amerada Hess	49⅞	49⅝
Amer Brands	33⅝	33⅝
Amer Cyanamid	52⅝	52
Amer El Power	36⅛	36¼
Amer Express	29⅞	30
Amer Genl Corp	32	31⅞
Amer Home Pr	66⅛	65⅝
Amer Intl	128	126⅞
Amer Stores	45	45
Amer T & T	61¼	61¼
Ameritech	79⅝	78⅛
Amoco	55⅞	55
Anheuser-Busch	50⅛	49⅝
Apple Computer	39⅞	41
Archer Daniels	23⅝	23⅝
Adia	9⅝	9⅛
Armco	6⅛	6⅞
Armstrng Wrld	30⅞	30⅞
Asarco	19⅝	19⅝
Ashland Oil	25⅞	25⅞
Atl Richfield	118⅞	118⅝
Auto Data Pro	47⅞	47
Avery Dennison	29⅞	29
Avon Products	55⅞	55⅞
Baker Hughes	27	26⅞
Baltim Gas & El	24⅞	24⅞
Banc One	53¼	53⅞
BankAmerica	43⅛	42⅞
Bank of NY	58⅞	56⅛
Bankers Tr NY	69⅞	69⅞
Barnett Banks	46⅞	46⅛
Bausch & Lomb	50⅞	50⅝
Baxter Intl	28⅞	28⅞
Becton Dickinsn	38⅝	38⅞
Bell Atlantic	56⅛	56⅞
BellSouth	54⅞	53⅞
Black & Decker	21	20⅞
Block (H&R)	36	36
Boeing	38⅞	38⅞
Boise Cascade	25⅞	24⅞
Borden Inc	18⅞	18⅞
Bristol Myrs Sq	59⅞	59⅞
Browning Ferris	26⅞	26⅞
Burlington Nthn	50⅞	50
CBS	237⅞	238⅛
CNA Financial	93⅞	92⅞
CPC Intl	41⅞	41
CSX	69⅛	68⅞
Campbell Soup	39⅝	39⅞
Can Pacific	16⅛	15⅞
Cpd Cities ABC	536	534
Cpd Holdings	38⅞	38⅞
Carolina Pwr	32	31⅞
Caterpillar	74⅞	77⅞
Central & SW	31⅞	31
Champion Intl	32⅞	32⅞
Chase Manhat	29⅞	29⅞
Chemical Bk	39	39⅞
Chevron Corp	87⅞	87⅞
Chrysler	45⅞	45⅞
Chubb Corp	85⅞	83
Cigna Corp	59⅞	58⅞
Citicorp	27⅞	27⅞
Clorox	49⅞	49⅞
Coastal Corp	28⅞	28⅞
Coca Cola	41⅞	41⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	56⅞	55⅞
Columbia Gas	24⅞	24⅞
Commonw Ed	27⅞	27⅞
Compaq Comp	52⅞	53⅞
Comp Ass Intl	27⅞	27⅞
Conagra	26	26
Cons Edison	34⅞	34⅞
Cons Nat Gas	51⅞	51⅞
Cons Rail	53⅞	53
Cooper Indr	37	49⅞
Corning Inc	34⅞	34⅞
Crown Cork	39⅞	39⅞
Dana Corp	50⅞	51⅞
Dayton Hudson	63	63⅞
Deere	64⅞	65⅞
Delta Air Lines	48	48
Deluxe Corp	38⅞	38⅞
Detroit Edison	33⅞	33⅞
Digital Equip	39⅞	40⅞
Dillard Dept St	37⅞	36⅞
Disney (Walt)	42⅞	42⅞
Dominion Res	43⅞	42⅞
Donnelley (RR)	29⅞	29⅞
Dover Corp	47⅞	47⅞
Dow Chemicals	56⅞	56⅞
Dow Jones	27⅞	27⅞
Dresser	23⅞	23⅞
Duke Power	39⅞	39⅞
Dun & Bradstreet	58	58
Du Pont	50⅞	50⅞
Eastman Kodak	53	53⅞
Eaton Corp	91⅞	89⅞

	Jun 21 midday	Jun 18 close
Emerson Elec	60⅛	60
Engelhard Corp	35¼	35⅞
Enron Corp	60⅞	60⅛
Entergy Corp	34⅛	34⅛
Ethyl Corp	28⅞	28⅞
Exxon	65⅞	65⅞
FMC Corp	43⅞	43¼
FPL Group	37⅞	37⅞
Federal Express	44⅞	44⅞
Fed Nat Mtge	79⅞	79⅛
First Chicago	39⅞	39
First Interstate	58⅞	58⅛
First Union Rlty	10⅛	10⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	32	31⅞
Fluor Corp	41½	41½
Ford Motor	50⅛	49⅞
GTE Corp	35⅞	35⅞
Gannett	48⅞	48⅞
Gap Inc Del	32	31½
Gen Cinema	35⅞	35⅞
Gen Dynamics	95⅞	95⅞
Gen Electric	95	94⅛
Gen Mills	63	64
Gen Motors	42⅞	41¼
Gen Reinsurance	109⅞	109⅞
Gen Signal	67⅞	66⅛
Genuine Parts	35	35⅞
Georgia Pac	59	58¼
Gillette	47⅛	49
Glaxo ADR	17⅞	17⅞
Goodrich (BF)	44⅛	44⅞
Goodyear Tire	38⅞	38⅞
Grace (WR)	39⅞	39⅛
Gt Atl Pac Tea	33⅞	33
Great Wstn Fin	16⅞	16⅛
Halliburton	38⅞	38⅞
Heinz (HJ)	37⅞	36⅛
Hercules	74⅞	73⅞
Hershey Foods	49	48⅞
Hewlett Packard	80⅛	79⅞
Hilton Hotels	47⅛	47⅞
Home Depot	42⅞	42⅞
Homestake Mng	17⅛	18⅞
Honeywell	36⅞	35⅞
Household Intl	67	66
Houston Inds	43	43
Humana	10⅛	10⅛
ITT Corp	85	84⅞
Illinois Tool	37⅞	74⅞
INCO	22⅞	22⅞
Ingersoll Rand	34⅛	35
Inland Steel	25⅞	25⅞
Intel Corp	55⅞	55⅞
IBM	49⅞	49⅞
Intl Flav & Fr	115	114⅞
Intl Paper	65⅞	65⅞
James River Va	20⅛	20⅞
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	42⅞	42⅞
K Mart	21¼	22
Kellogg	53⅞	53½
Kerr-McGee	50⅞	50⅞
Kimberly-Clark	47	47⅞
Knight-Ridder	52⅞	52⅛
Lilly (Eli)	49⅛	49⅞
Limited Inc	22⅞	22⅞
LIN Brdcstng	99⅞	100
Lincoln Nat	74⅞	74½
Litton	64⅞	65⅞
Liz Claiborne	31½	31¼
Lockheed Corp	61½	61¼
Louisiana Pac	31½	31¼
MCI Commun	55⅞	55⅞
Marriott	25⅞	25⅞
Marsh & McLnn	86⅞	85⅞
Masco Corp	30⅞	29⅞
May Dept St	36⅛	36⅛
Maytag Corp	15⅞	15⅞
McCaw Cellular	41	40⅞
McDonalds	49⅞	49⅞
McDonnell D	70⅛	70⅛
McGraw Hill	58⅞	58
Mead Corp	44⅞	44¼
Medtronic	64⅞	64½
Mellon Bk	54½	53⅞
Melville Corp	45⅞	45⅞
Merck Inc	37	37
Merrill Lynch	73⅞	72⅞
Minnesota Mine	107⅞	107
Mobil Corp	74⅞	74⅛
Monsanto	57⅞	57⅞
Morgan (JP)	66⅞	66⅞
Motorola Inc	82⅞	81½
Natl Medical	9	8⅞
Natl Semi	15⅞	15⅞
Natl Service Ind	25⅞	25⅞
Navistar Int C	2⅞	2⅞
NBD Bancorp	31½	31¼
NY Times A	23⅛	23⅞
Newmont Mng	48⅞	48⅛
Niag Mohawk	23⅞	24⅛
Nike B	56⅞	67
NL Industries	3⅞	3⅞
Nordstrom	27⅞	27⅞
Norfolk Sthrn	63⅞	63⅞
Nthn State Pwr	45	45⅞
Norwest Corp	50⅞	49⅞
Nynex Corp	89⅞	88⅞
Occidental Pet	21⅞	21
Ohio Edison	24⅞	23⅞
Oracle Systems	43⅞	43⅞

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Oryx Energy Co	21⅞	21½
Owens Corning	40⅞	40⅞
PNC Financial	30⅛	30
PPG Industries	69⅛	69⅛
Paccar Inc	57⅞	57⅛
Pacificorp	18⅞	18⅞
Pac Enterprises	24⅞	24¼
Pac Gas & Elect	33⅛	33
Pac Telesis	48⅞	48⅛
Pall Corp	17⅛	17⅞
Panhandle East	23⅛	23⅞
Paramnt Comm	52⅞	52⅞
Parker Hannifin	33½	33⅞
Penney (JC)	45⅞	45⅞
Pennzoil	64½	64⅛
Pepsico	36⅛	36⅛
Pfizer	70⅛	72⅞
Phelps Dodge	44½	44½
Philadel Elec	29⅞	29⅛
Philip Morris	48⅞	48⅞
Phillips Pet	29⅞	29⅞
Pitney Bowes	41½	40⅞
Polaroid	37⅞	37⅞
Price Co	35⅞	35
Primerica	44⅞	45
Procter & Gmbl	49⅞	49
Pub Serv E & G	33	32⅞
Quaker Oats	73⅞	73⅞
Ralston Purina	45⅞	44⅞
Raychem Corp	42⅞	42⅛
Raytheon	59⅞	59
Reebok Intl	29⅞	29⅞
Reynolds Metals	45⅞	45⅞
Roadway Srvcs	52⅞	52⅞
Rockwell Intl	34⅛	33⅞
Rohm & Haas	56⅛	56⅛
Royal Dutch	93	93
Rubbermaid	30⅛	30
Safeco Corp	55⅞	55⅞
St Paul's Cos	79⅞	79⅞
Salomon Inc	37⅛	39⅞
Santa Fe S Pac	15⅛	15⅞
Sara Lee Corp	24⅛	24⅞
Stecorp	48⅛	48⅞
Schering Plough	67⅞	67⅞
Schlumberger	65⅞	65
Scott Paper	31½	32⅛
Seagram	27⅛	27
Sears Roebuck	54	53⅞
Shell Trans	57	57
Sherwin Wllms	32	31½
Skyline Corp	17⅛	17
Snap-On-Tools	38⅞	38⅞
Southern Co	41½	41½
Sthwestern Bell	38	37⅞
Sprint Corp	32⅞	31⅞
Stanley Works	45⅞	45⅞
Sun Company	24½	24
Suntrust	45⅞	44⅞
Supervalu	34⅛	34⅞
Syntex Corp	18⅛	18⅛
Sysco Corp	26⅛	25⅞
TRW Inc	65⅛	65⅞
Tandem Comp	12⅛	12⅞
Tandy Corp	29⅞	30
Telecom Corp	4⅛	4
Teledyne	20⅞	20⅞
Temple Inland	44⅞	44⅞
Tenneco	48	48
Texaco	63⅞	63⅞
Texas Instr	68⅞	69⅞
Texas Utilities	44⅞	44⅞
Textron	53⅞	53⅞
Time Warner	37⅞	37
Times-Mirror	29	29
Timken	33⅞	33
Torchmark	52⅞	52
Toys R Us	37⅞	37
Transamerica	52⅞	50⅞
Travelers Corp	29⅞	29⅞
Tribune	53⅞	52⅞
Tyco Labs	40⅞	40⅞
UAL Corp	121⅞	122⅞
UST Inc	28⅞	28⅞
USX Marathon	17⅛	17⅛
Unilever NV	106⅞	105
Union Camp	42⅞	42⅛
Union Carbide	19⅞	19⅞
Union Pacific	60	59⅞
Unisys Corp	11	11
USAIR Group	16	16⅞
USF&G Corp	17	17
US Life	39⅞	39⅞
US West	44½	43⅞
United Tech	54⅞	53⅞
Unocal Corp	30⅞	30⅞
Upjohn	30⅞	30⅞
VF Corp	47⅛	48⅛
WMX Tech	35⅞	34½
Wal-Mart Stores	25⅞	25⅞
Warner-Lambert	70⅞	71⅞
Wells Fargo	101⅞	100⅞
Westinghouse El	14⅞	14⅞
Weyerhaeuser	41⅞	41
Whirlpool	54	54⅞
Whitman	13⅛	13⅞
Winn Dixie	55⅞	54⅞
Woolworth	28⅛	28⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	35	35
Xerox	77⅞	77⅞

RECENT ISSUES

AG Holdings (125)	127	-1
Break for the Border (48)	58	+1
Bruntcliffe Aggregates (25)	39	+1½
China Inv Trust (100)	94	...
China Inv Warrants	53	...
Division Group (40)	80	+1
Drew Scientific (105)	125	...
Fine Decor (210)	252	...
First Spanish Wrnts 1997	12½	...
Fleming Clvrhse C (100)	105	...
Inveresk (150)	171	...
Ivory & Sime ISIS (100)	97½	...
Nthn Ireland Elec (100)	126½	...
OGC (130)	125	...
Phonelink (155)	235	+2
Pilkington Warrants	33½	+½
Quayle Munro (118)	138	...
RJB Mining (250)	229	...
RPC (125)	161	...
Sungard Data	£20	...
Suter Warrants	39	...
Zeneca (600)	618	-4

RIGHTS ISSUES

British Land n/p (245)	71	+4
Brixton Estate n/p (155)	39½	+½
Ferraris n/p (55)	1½	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Grand Met	426p (+12p)
Mansfield	835p (+10p)
SA Breweries	923p (+16p)
Transfer Tech	560p (+10p)
Commercial Union	608p (+11p)
Liberty Life	943p (+13p)
ERF	245p (+15p)
BAT	431p (+11p)
Thomson Corp	775p (+10p)

FALLS:

RMC Group	761p (-13p)
Redland	445p (-12p)
Takeda Chem	766p (-22p)
Wellcome	705p (-25p)
Euro Disney	823p (-12p)

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LEGAL NOTICES

BMJ Hygiene Supplies Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Pastoria Hotel, St Martin's Street, Leicester Square, London WC2H 7HL on 1 July 1993 at 10.30am for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act.
Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a full statement of account at the registered office: Clareville House, 26/27 Oxendon Street, London, SW1Y 4EP not later than 12 noon on 30 June 1993.
For the purposes of voting, a secured creditor is required (unless he surrenders his security) to lodge at Clareville House, 26/27 Oxendon Street, London, SW1Y 4EP before the meeting, a statement giving particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.
Stephen Blandford Ryman and Nicholas Hugh O'Reilly of Rothman Pantall & Co. Clareville House, 26/27 Oxendon Street, London SW1Y 4EP are persons qualified to act as Insolvency Practitioners in relation to the company and they will furnish creditors free of charge with such information as to the Company's affairs as the creditors may reasonably require until the 30th day of June 1993.
Mark Blackhall (Director)

HAWKSPA LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
Registered Number: 2882654. Trading Name: The Victoria Inn and The Stars and Stripes. Nature of business: Management of Licenced Premises. Trade classification: 48. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 2nd June 1993. Name of Person Appointing the Administrative Receivers: Barclays Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Colin George Wiseman & Peter Anthony Lawrence (office holder nos. 6712 & 6829) of Booth White, NEM House 3/5 Rickmansworth Road, Watford, Hertfordshire WD1 7HG.

LEGAL NOTICES

MARCOL FIRE SYSTEMS LTD
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at The Chartered Insurance Institute, 20 Aldermanbury, London EC2V 7HY at 10.30.am on 6th July 1993 for the purposes of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the administrative receivers under the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a creditors committee to exercise the functions conferred on creditors committees by or under the Act.
Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge with me at 4th Floor, St Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5DH no later than 12 noon on 5th July 1993 details of the debts they claim to be due to them by the company, together with any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf at the meeting.
16th June 1993 Ladislav Hornan
Joint Administrative Receiver
Note: Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the meeting.

OLNEY AMSDEN & SONS LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at The Insurance Institute, 20 Aldermanbury St, London EC2B 7HY at 10.00am on 14th July 1993 for the purposes of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the administrative receivers under the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a creditors committee to exercise the functions conferred on creditors' committees by or under the Act.
Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge with me at 4th Floor, St Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5DH no later than 12 noon on 13th July 1993 details of the debts they claim to be due to them by the company, together with any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf at the meeting.
11th June 1993
Ladislav Hornan
Joint Administrative Receiver
Note: Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the meeting.

Nationwide Vehicle Rentals Limited
Passed - 16 June 1993
At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the members of the above named company, duly convened and held at The Conference Suite, Chamberlains on 16 June 1993 the following resolutions were duly passed: No.1 as an extraordinary resolution and No.2 as an ordinary resolution:-
1. "That it has been proved to the satisfaction of this meeting that the Company cannot, by reason of its liabilities, continue its business, and that it is advisable to wind up the same, and accordingly that the Company be wound up voluntarily".
2. "That C M Haig Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Neville Russell of 1 Telford Way, Luton, Beds LU1 1HT be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purposes of such winding-up".
3. At a subsequent meeting of creditors the resolutions were confirmed together with the costs of Neville Russell.
J Norman
Status Chairman of both meetings

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
ACROSSGAIN LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 7th July 1993 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 15th day of June 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
DAVID HALSTEAD, DIRECTOR.

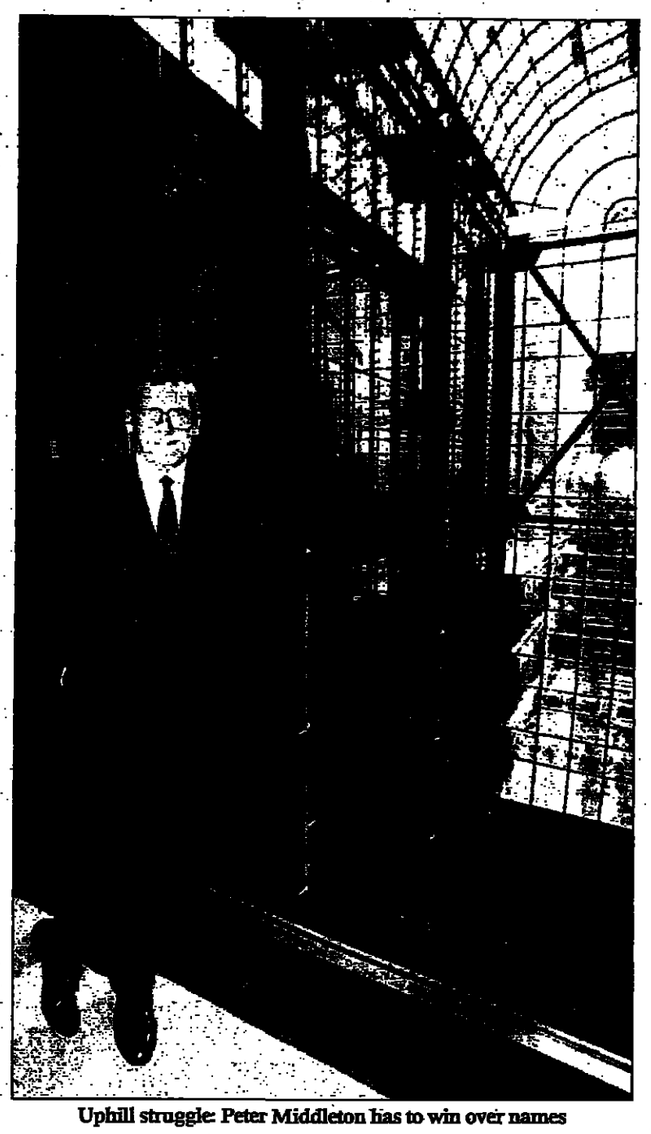
PUBLIC NOTICES

ADAMS, WILLIAM ANDERSON ADAMS late of 144 O'Donnell Court, Brunswick Centre, Holborn, London WC1 died at Camden, London WC1 on 9 January 1992
(Estate about £9,000)
BECHER, MIROSLAW BECHER late of 36 Talbot Street, Canton, Cardiff, South Glamorgan died there on 18 July 1989
(Estate about £14,000)
BENNETT, JOHN G. BENNETT otherwise JOHN BENNETT late of 68 Parliament Hill, Hampstead, London NW3 died at Camden, London NW1 on 22 May 1990
(Estate about £6,000)
BOWDEN nee FARLEY, AGNES BOWDEN nee FARLEY WIDOW late of 23 Sixth Avenue, Shaws Trailer Park, Knaresborough Road, Harrogate, North Yorkshire died at Harrogate on 9 December 1992
(Estate about £11,000)
FRYER, VERA GWENDOLINE FRYER otherwise VERA FRYER SPINSTER late of 22 Morecambe Court, Heath Road, Ipswich, Suffolk died at Ipswich on 13 March 1993
(Estate about £13,000)
GLENNIE, MARGARET ANNA GRAHAM GLENNIE otherwise MARGARET ANNA GLENNIE SPINSTER late of 10 Gatcombe Flats, Gatcombe Road, Hartcliffe, Bristol, Avon died at Bristol on 11 May 1992
(Estate about £20,000)
KWASNY, BRONISLAW KWASNY otherwise BRONISLAV KWASNY late of Winwick Hospital, Warrington, Cheshire died there on 23 May 1990
(Estate about £110,000)
MORRIS, ALBERT MORRIS late of 93 Gilbey Road, Grimsby, Humberside died at Grimsby on 5 March 1992
(Estate about £10,000)
PRYSTORY otherwise PRYSTORZ, MICHAEL PRYSTORY otherwise MICHAEL PRYSTORZ otherwise MICHAL PRYSTORZ late of 64 Crabb Street, Rushden, Northamptonshire died at Rushden on 18 July 1989
(Estate about £25,000)
RIDOUT nee TAYLOR, SYBIL VIOLET RIDOUT otherwise SYBIL RIDOUT nee TAYLOR WIDOW late of 1 Waterloo Road, Winton, Bournemouth, Dorset died at Bournemouth on 11 November 1992
(Estate about £7,000)
ROUSE, MARJORIE JESSIE ROUSE SPINSTER late of 8 Orpheus Tower, Desmond Street, New Cross, London SE14 died there on 23 March 1992
(Estate about £10,000)
TAUNT nee WILSON, GLADYS EILEEN TAUNT otherwise EILEEN GLADYS TAUNT nee WILSON WIDOW late of Cromwell House, 48 Cromwell Road, Hove, East Sussex died there on 11 March 1987
(Estate about £3,650)
WATERS, NICHOLAS WATERS otherwise NICHOLAS JOHN WATERS late of Block 11, Hunters Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Tyne & Wear died there on 1 June 1992
(Estate about £8,900)
WELLBURN otherwise WELBURN formerly DUNNING nee HOGG, HILDA WELLBURN otherwise HILDA WELBURN formerly DUNNING nee HOGG late of Avondale Rest Home, 106-108 Radstock Road, Southampton, Hampshire died there on 20 October 1992
(Estate about £5,990)
WYLLIE, ROBERT McCALLUM WYLLIE otherwise ROBERT WYLLIE late of 96 Goldsmith Avenue, Manor Park, London E12 died at Benalmadena, Spain on 4 May 1993
(Estate about £100,000)
WALL nee LIVETT, DOROTHY EMILY MARY WALL nee LIVETT SINGLE WOMAN late of 35 Hillsborough Court, Mortimer Crescent, Kilburn, London NW6 died at Hendon, London NW4 on 22 January 1993
(Estate about £6,500)
WALTERS otherwise EVANS-WALTERS, DAVID WILLIAM WALTERS otherwise DAVID WILLIAM EVANS-WALTERS late of 60 Alexander Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham died there on 23 December 1992
(Estate about £25,000)
The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (B.V.), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.
SMITH nee RUDD, GEORGINA SMITH nee RUDD late of 8 Balmain Street, Bristol, Avon died there on 10 February 1992
(Estate about £23,000)
The husband and kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (B.V.), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

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Beleaguered Lloyd's tries to lure fresh capital into market

Names have been leaving Lloyd's of London in droves, as losses mount. Sarah Bagnall looks at the efforts being made to ensure its survival



Uphill struggle: Peter Middleton has to win over names

Crippling losses of up to £2.8 billion are expected to be unveiled today by Lloyd's of London, causing further financial strain on the insurance market's 20,000 names and compounding fears that unless new sources of capital are found quickly there is little hope of the market surviving.

In recent years, names, Lloyd's traditional capital providers, have left the market in droves, taking with them the market's life blood — its capacity. In 1988, Lloyd's boasted a membership of 32,433 names, providing more than £10 billion of underwriting capacity. Today, there are fewer than 20,000 names actively underwriting and capacity has shrunk to about £8.5 billion. Last year, the market lost £1.5 billion of capacity.

Few believe that the flood of departures is past its zenith. More names are expected to be forced out as a result of the 1990 underwriting year losses, which under Lloyd's three-year accounting system will be announced this week. Compounding the problem is the 1991 underwriting year's loss, estimated at more than £1 billion, which will fall on names next summer.

As a result, Lloyd's is well aware of the vital need for new sources of capital and in its business plan, a blueprint for survival, Lloyd's announced the end of 300 years of tradition with the opening of its doors to corporate capital on a limited liability basis from the start of 1994. To advise the market on this radical change, Lloyd's has recruited JP Morgan and SG Warburg, international investment banks.

David James, a name, external Lloyd's council member and company doctor, said: "We need additional sources of funds other than ourselves. We are an eroding asset. We must sustain and maintain capacity and we can't do this ourselves. We must expect erosion and we must replace that capacity or we will be in more trouble."

Rules for "incorporated capital" are being prepared and should be released at the end of next month. Agents and brokers, meanwhile, are sounding out possible sources for new capital.

If these agents are to be believed, there is a string of interested parties around the globe keen to sign up as limited liability investors. Lloyd's is wary of putting an estimate on the amount of capacity incorporated capital vehicles could provide, but market estimates suggest that, over time, it will be substantial. Peter Middleton, Lloyd's chief executive, said, however, that existing names would be given first bite of the market's capacity, with any overspill then being made available to corporate investors.

Among the list of potential investors are investment fund managers, institutions, pension funds, venture capitalists, wealthy individuals and current members, who may opt to switch to underwriting on a limited liability basis.

The schemes being touted range from the quota-share arrangements, a couple of which are in place, consortium deals and retail funds. Consortium arrangements, where insurance companies agree to write business alongside Lloyd's syndicates, are receiving a lot of interest and market sources say that the Japanese insurance companies are checking these out.

Sedgwick, the Lloyd's broker, is the first firm to announce a limited liability vehicle, called CLM, which is to be running by the start of the 1994 underwriting year.

CLM is an investment fund targeted at individuals, either directly or through other investment vehicles. Sedgwick expects the vehicle to be quoted on the London Stock Exchange.

Michael Wade, a broker and CLM's chief executive, said: "Although we targeted the fund at individuals, we are receiving a lot of interest from institutional investors as well. We expect the average level of investment to be £500,000, but units may be available from as a little as £10,000." He expected that CLM would attract funds of £500 million, giving it £1 billion of capacity. Smith & Williamson, the accountancy firm and private bank, is also looking at possible vehicles for individual investors, targeted at the wealthy. These people can write on a limited basis, as long as they can show a minimum wealth of at least £1.5 million. This is a sharp increase on the current level of £250,000 that existing names have to show for unlimited liability. The higher underwriting limit applies to all limited liability investors, who also have to keep 50 per cent of the amount they underwrite at Lloyd's. This compares with the present requirement of 30 per cent. Corporate capital providers also have to pay a higher market entry fee of 1.5 per cent of stamp capacity, against the 0.6 per cent required for standard names.

Other schemes are in the pipeline, with some hoping to tap the institutional investors' market. Sturge Group, the largest Lloyd's agency, is working with Klemwort Benson, its merchant bank, in putting together a vehicle that will provide capacity to the Sturge syndicates. Terry Hayday, head of Sturge's insurance division, said that they were talking to various investment fund managers in the London market, but it was too early to say what level of capacity the resulting company will have.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank through James Capel, the broker, and Samuel Montagu, the merchant bank, is said to be working on a plan whereby financial institutions will provide corporate funds of up to £250 million. Market sources said that, under the proposal, investors will provide capital for a "club" of Lloyd's agents, comprising up to 20 agents, drawn from the larger combined members' and managing agencies and the smaller independent managing agents.

American investors are said to have shown considerable interest, and Mr Middleton said that he thinks in future years they could provide up to half the supply of the market's capital. On a recent trip to America, Mr Middleton said American investors could account for 15 to 20 per cent of the market's capacity within three years, compared with the 4 per cent that individual US names contribute at present.

One American investment house showing interest is Salomon Brothers, which is talking to Johnson & Higgins, an American broker, with the view of pumping £20 million of fresh capital into the market. The funds are expected to be provided by institutional investors, covering a spectrum of American businesses and Far Eastern and European institutions.

Before putting the final touches on the schemes, agents and capital providers are waiting for the outcome of the market's incorporated capital rule book. Furthermore, the new capital providers' interest hinges on the market's ability to make changes outlined in the business plan.

The plan proposes to separate 1985 and previous-year policies from the rest of Lloyd's and manage them centrally. The losses made on these policies, which relate principly to asbestosis and pollution claims emanating from the US, run into hundreds of millions of pounds. The proposal effectively ringfences the losses so that new investors will not share the burden of claims.

As David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's, said: "Corporate capital will only come in on certain terms." With these provisos fulfilled, Mr James and Mr Rowland say there is no doubt that funds would be forthcoming.

In another step to attract corporate capital, Lloyd's has decided not to put the insurance market's corporate capacity out to tender before 1995, as originally planned. In the business plan, Lloyd's said it would require incorporated names to bid for their capacity as part of its plan to manage the market's overall capacity. However, after talks, Mr Rowland has said there would be no bidding process next year, the first year corporate capital is allowed. Furthermore, he added that an alternative approach of a fixed-price mechanism is being considered.

There is little doubt that Lloyd's is bending over backwards trying to entice new investors to the market — it has little choice if it wants to trade into the next century. But Mr Rowland and Mr Middleton face an uphill struggle in convincing many of the market's present members that the changes needed to attract the new breed of investors are the right way forward.

TEMPUS

Taste of cold steel

BRITISH Steel does not disguise the fact that it is a hostage to the political machinations of the European Commission and the Council of Ministers. If only the Treasury had been quite so frank to investors when it privatised the business in 1988.

Last year, BS became the first privatised company to cut its dividend. Since then, the process has become rather fashionable with BP, British Aerospace and Rolls-Royce following suit — the dark side of the government's campaign for wider share ownership. Now, BS has been forced to go one further and reduce its dividend to a nominal 1p while it waits in hope that Europe's steel industry will finally address its structural overcapacity.

One cannot fault management's achievements. The closure of Ravenscraig ensured the business remains Europe's most efficient steelmaker and helped cut working capital by £213 million. Borrowings could have run out of control on the back of losses and rationalisation on this scale, but tight financial management has kept gearing to just 2 per cent.

Brian Moffat, the chairman, surely cannot really believe that the EC will do much to ease the structural overcapacity in the industry. The political implications of the necessary closures are too severe for most governments to contemplate. The last-ditch rise in European steel prices may have lifted some of the pressure off BS's finances, but may also fool officials into believing there is an upturn coming. For all BS's efficiency, it is the most exposed to any political compromise, since it is no longer supported by any public sector sugar daddy. At 98p, BS's shares are a political gamble and best avoided.

Kingfisher

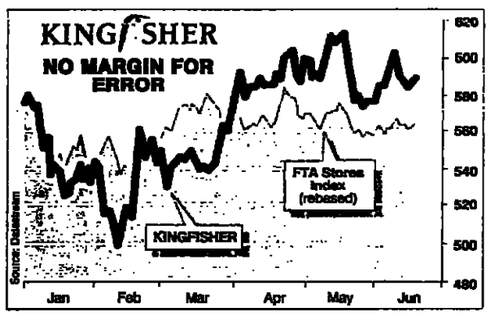
FEW retailers would have welcomed the opportunity to expand into a highly competitive, low margin market such as car parts, but Kingfisher often goes where its competitors fear to tread.

This is one of the few British store groups to have faced up to the reality of retailing in the low-growth nineties. Even when economic recovery comes, it is unlikely to herald a strong revival in consumer spending as America has already discovered. American retailers have been forced to restrain prices to maintain market share and only discounters are truly flourishing.

Kingfisher has, therefore, started to question the traditional retailing lore of the eighties that profit growth can only be achieved by increasing gross margins. It realises any such rise would be hard to sustain given the new-found caution of consumers. To deliver more value to customers entails lower gross margins.

Although "value" constitutes more than price, Kingfisher is already highly competitive in this area as prices in B&Q, Comet, Superdrug and Woolworths testify. Even Darty, the French electrical retailer, is the price leader in its field.

Low prices can generate higher sales volumes, which if properly managed, lead to lower costs, permitting even lower prices, so long as the virtuous circle keeps turning. Retailers who resist this unwelcome logic could find themselves out of the loop.



Zeneca

THE Zeneca rights issue may have lurched between easy victory and near disaster during the past month but the indications are that it closed at midnight last night as a modest success. The Zeneca share price slid gently in afternoon trading yesterday as the market prepared for the rump of the issue, perhaps 20 per cent, to be placed swiftly in the market at about 605p.

After six months of City meetings and investor presentations, David Barnes, and his team now have nine days in which to address themselves to their principal role, managing the pharmaceutical and agrochemical business, before the end of the half-year.

If Zeneca sticks to the timetable of its former parent, it will produce figures on July 29. Only then will investors be able to see what they have bought, and how easily the company's much heralded pipeline of new drugs can counter the decline of Tenormin and agrochemical sales, support the interest on the remaining £391 million debt and the £260 million annual dividend.

Amersham/ Wellcome

WHILE Zeneca was beginning its future as an independent pharmaceuticals group yesterday, a brace of announcements from Amersham and Wellcome reminded it how sensitive its share price will be to news on research and development.

FDA approval for Metastron, Amersham's anti-cancer treatment, had been long expected, but it still managed to add 9p to an already fully-valued share price. The development of Metastron is part of Amersham's shift towards higher-margin proprietary products, and its ability to alleviate pain from secondary bone cancer in a single injection could initially add £50 million to group sales. If the drug is also used to treat cancer at an earlier stage it could eventually add up to £200 million to sales and perhaps £40 million to profits.

Wellcome, by contrast, must feel it can do nothing right in the market's eyes. Flolan was a minor drug in its development pipeline. Its failure will only lose £25 million potential sales at most but was still enough to wipe 4 per cent from the share price. The market will be tense about prospects for Retrovir for some time. Any bad news from Wellcome will not be received well.

Thorn EMI

FOR the past five years, Thorn EMI has been almost as avid a seller of businesses as a buyer. The sale of its lighting division is a useful step towards its strategy of concentrating on core rental and music businesses.

The price tag of £162 million is hardly full, but with around 60 per cent of profits derived from the sluggish economies of continental Europe, Thorn would have found it difficult to get more in the current climate.

The group may decide it should to bide its time before disposing of its remaining non-core businesses in order to get a better price. In particular, Thorn needs to demonstrate consistent profits in its defence business before it can obtain the price it wants.

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The Brady bunch at Invesco

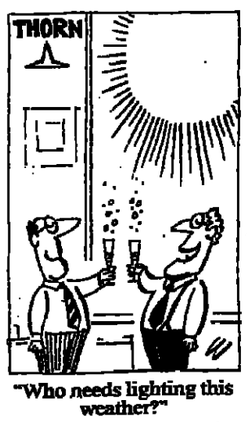
CHARLES Brady, the American Southerner appointed to succeed Lord Stevens at the helm of that battered barque, Invesco, had his first taste yesterday of what British shareholders can get up to at annual meetings. Brady, who drawled his way through a storm-tossed meeting near Throgmorton Avenue, got off to a rocky start when he forgot to switch on his microphone. Next, fearing that a projection screen might be obscured, he commented: "We might have to move a couple of directors." "Move a few more," came a disgruntled voice from the crowd. Later, an elderly woman urged him to articulate his words, saying: "When you're in this country, you must speak slowly." Brady, pondered this for a moment before replying: "I can't change my accent at this stage of my life." At the end of a tempestuous session, which included barbs about political donations, fines and hefty payoffs for former directors, Brady was asked how much it was costing to change the financial group's name from Invesco MIM to plain Invesco. "I can assure you it's less than the cost of maintaining the present name," came the instant reply.

Game play

HARM Tegelaars, managing director of Queens Moat Leisure, was among more than 2,800 blue and white collar workers who flocked to Milton Keynes over the weekend for the inaugural UK and Ireland Corporate Games, a festival aimed at businessmen and women. Tegelaars proved a dab hand at squash in a round of sporting events that saw Nationwide Building Society collect the most medals and Texaco and Queens Moat share an award for entering the largest team. David Bottom, sprightly chairman of Laing Homes, applied himself to the indoor rowing event. Bottom has previously cycled from John O'Groats to Land's End — an example to all those directors who spend too much time behind their desks.

Cosby's other show

TENSION mounts in what is rapidly becoming one of American television's most watched soap operas — the fight for the $3.5 billion NBC network. Bill Cosby's plan to take a second run at NBC has apparently so enraged Jack Welch, the normally calm and collected power boss of General Electric, the broadcaster's parent, that he has scrapped tradition and forecast the station's profit figures for this year. Cosby, a comedian turned aspirant Wall Street tycoon with a personal fortune of $300 million, reportedly responded with less than good humour to one American newspaper after it dared to suggest that a leaked report that he has brought in Goldman Sachs, the investment bank, to help make the bid was a mere publicity stunt. Cosby told the newspaper he could get all the publicity he wanted without resorting to such underhand tactics. But his recent television shows have failed to match the runaway success of *The Cosby Show*, which was made for NBC and helped keep it at the top of the ratings. NBC's pre-tax profits this year are expected to be about $350 million. "dramatically up" from last year, and Welch says the network is not for sale.



"Who needs lighting this weather?"

Giants of industry

TWENTY Chinese businessmen have been visiting Britain to learn about life in a quoted company. A highlight of the trip appears to have been a visit to the Oxfordshire headquarters of TI Group, the engineer that took over Dowty, the aerospace group, for £510 million last summer. The visitors discovered not one but two industrial giants — in the form of David Lilleycrop, company secretary, and Miles Vere-Hodge, director of corporate finance, both of whom stand more than 6ft 7in in their socks. "They seemed to enjoy it," says Lilleycrop, who discussed technical matters with the aide of an interpreter. "I've never encountered such an animated discussion on articles of association in my life," he added.

Canty strides on

FRESH blood is creeping into the world of investment trusts. The proof lies at Smith New Court where Robin Canty, probably the firm's fittest employee, has switched from UK equity sales to try his luck as a specialist investment trust salesman. "I do think this is a growth sector," says Canty, 30, who recently came 23rd in his age group out of 1,000 participants in the national triathlon championships, and won a subsequent event hands-down. His name is the one to beat on just about every fitness machine in Smith New Court's gym, although a mischievous streak is clear. "I occasionally tap in the name of the most unlikely person," he laughs.

All written down

KENNETH Clarke has what it takes to be Chancellor of the Exchequer, according to an analysis of his handwriting which suggests: "Energy and a ruthless streak likely to further his career." So claims Gloria Moss, a graphologist brought in by Futures Pager, the financial information provider, who will be providing tips at the European Derivatives Exhibition in the City later this week. Norman Lamont, alas, does not come off as well as his successor. His scrawl suggests: "Needs approval and may find it difficult to accept loss of face."

JON ASHWORTH

BUSINESS LETTERS

Inadequacy of the insolvency laws

From Mr Robert Breckman

Sir, Several of our clients have recently been caught by the liquidation of a customer and lost considerable sums of money in the process. We find a continuing frustration at the laws governing insolvencies in that liquidators seem loathe to pursue a company director for trading insolvently and to question the formation of a new company owned by the director of that liquidated company, which then takes over the assets but not the liabilities at questionable valuations.

We are in the process of preparing a file on such occurrences to make representations to Parliament to change the law as it clearly protects the director as against the creditor, which is surely not what the acts are meant to do.

We would appreciate any chapter and verse from other practitioners who have experienced similar problems. It is only right that as a professional body we should assist our clients and any help would be appreciated from any source.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT BRECKMAN,
Breckman & Company,
Chartered Accountants,
49 South Molton Street,
W1.

Closure of government laboratory

From Mr Geoffrey S. Evans

Sir, I was dismayed to read of the planned closure of the Department of Trade and Industry's Warren Spring Laboratory in Stevenage, Hertfordshire.

During 30 years of running my own high technology business, I have frequently been astonished by the levels of technical and commercial competence at that establishment. Indeed, the direction and assistance it gave to our industry throughout the 1970s and 80s finally convinced me to run down my business and free my staff to find fulfilment by working abroad.

I now learn that the Warren Spring site is to be occupied by Glaxo Pharmaceuticals. May I say that this country did not get where it is today by replacing outstanding government facilities with highly profitable, world-beating and fast expanding concerns.

Yours faithfully,
G. S. EVANS,
(Director),
Warren Point (Holdings) Ltd,
Viewpoint,
Babbage Road,
Stevenage, Hertfordshire.

Lloyd's, please note

From Mr Anthony D. R. Holland

Sir, I am delighted that the Lloyd's council has passed a rule requiring not less than 1,500 signatures to requisition an extraordinary general meeting. However, as a corollary, any such meeting should be held in normal working hours and in a venue which is neutral, such as the Albert Hall.

The venue and timing of July's EGM — the Lloyd's building at 5pm — would seem heavily to favour the market practitioners, when it is they who are being criticised in the resolutions to be proposed.

As for the paltry cost of around £130,000, that is nothing compared with the £10 million per working day that market practitioners managed to lose their Names in 1990, with a not dissimilar amount in 1991 to be expected.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY D. R. HOLLAND,
Windlesham Manor,
Windlesham,
Surrey.

From Mr Andrew Green

Sir, The simple device of a three-man elected non-executive shareholder superior body or senate could be effective in controlling the excesses of unscrupulous executive directors. Such a senate is unpaid, has access to all company data and enjoys the power of veto only on remuneration packages, conflicts of interest and the accounts.

The exercise of their veto causes a dialogue between them and board members, leading almost invariably to agreement of compromise proposals. In the event of a disagreement, a general meeting of shareholders is called, where the matter is decided upon in a one-man, one-vote system. The senate does not interfere with the commercial business of the company.

This arrangement has been tried successfully in Australia and the principle might be applied to Lloyd's syndicates in addition to the corporate sector in the UK.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW GREEN,
Kingfishers Bridge,
Wicken, Ely, Cambridgeshire.

Investors ignored

From Mrs Norma Bagshaw

Sir, Dr Gillibrand's letter (June 17) mentions directors' lack of accountability to shareholders and the almost automatic support of the institutions. Surely, nowhere is this better illustrated than in the recent ICI demerger, where money was spent in putting the split into existence before the meeting asking for shareholders' approval, and dates for rights issues and the trading of the separate shares were also well publicised in advance.

ICI, in effect, made the demerger reality, no doubt because of the prior agreement of the institutions, and then asked all shareholders to vote.

As a shareholder in ICI, I take great exception to this arrogant behaviour, but recognise that in the real world small shareholders are insignificant and their views and interests can be easily disregarded by large companies. Only legislation can redress the balance.

Yours faithfully,
NORMA BAGSHAW,
59 Clement Road,
Marple Bridge,
Stockport, Cheshire.

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Dividend Gth	57.73	61.41	+0.18	4.58
Global Gth Sec	61.93	65.88	-0.07	2.63
Ethical Growth	65.58	69.76f	+0.20	2.51
High Inc Equity	150.50	160.10	+0.50	4.97
Worldwide Bond	220.10	286.40f	-0.50	3.67
Gilts Fixed Int	129.30	137.10f	-0.20	6.00
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0224 633070 Dealing: 0800 833580 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ 071 374 4801				
Amer Inc Gth	43.93	46.26	+0.40	0.67
European	81.63	86.48	+0.48	...
European Inc	77.85	82.65f	+0.48	1.82
Exempt	919.10	945.20f	+1.80	3.25
Extra Inc	43.13	46.90f	+0.01	4.93
F East Emerg Ec	85.67	92.22	-0.65	0.70
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL 0793 514514 Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	383.50	409.90	+2.10	4.01
Equity Inc	215.80	230.60	+1.10	3.95
High Yield	237.70	254.00	+1.20	4.03
Balanced	642.80	687.10f	+4.00	2.57
American Inc	48.31	51.64	-0.15	3.10
Wld Asset Val	39.62	42.35	-0.11	1.11
Japan	187.60	199.90	-8.70	0.01
Secs of Am	404.90	431.20f	+0.60	0.57
AXA EQUITY & LAW St Georges Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	315.50	335.70	+1.20	2.68
-do- Inc	223.50	237.80	+0.70	2.68
Higher Inc Acc	575.60	612.40	+1.80	3.63
-do- Inc	349.70	372.10	+1.10	3.63
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	176.40	186.30	+0.70	6.17
-do- Inc	92.43	97.61	+0.30	6.17
Nth America	256.30	272.70	+3.70	...
Far East	290.20	308.80	-7.30	0.21
Europe	225.60	240.00	-0.90	1.04
General Inc	426.10	453.40	-0.20	2.42
-do- Acc	467.50	497.40	-0.10	2.42
Brit Excell	63.73	67.80f	+0.33	2.69
Brit Fndmnls Inc	66.89	71.16	+0.20	4.83
Brit Fndmnls Acc	86.22	91.73	+0.27	4.83
Global Opps	71.91	76.51f	-0.04	0.07
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	249.80	262.90	+0.40	1.35
Capital Gwth	100.30	105.50	+0.40	2.56
Worldwide Opps	152.00	160.00	+3.50	0.63
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15 081 534 5544				
Capital	106.10	113.50	+0.10	2.80
Euro Gth Inc	114.00	120.90	...	1.04
Extra Inc	106.30	113.70	-0.10	4.78
General	240.90	257.60	...	2.95
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.81	59.76f	+0.19	8.44
Income	486.60	520.40	-1.50	4.46
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Gth	92.95	98.68	+1.02	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	118.90	127.40	+1.90	...
Convertibles	53.05	56.73f	+0.13	7.10
Eastern	187.60	202.10	+0.60	1.60
Equity Income	82.28	87.53	+0.68	6.30
European Gth	226.90	241.40	+1.60	1.50
Euro Smllr Cos	149.90	160.00f	+0.90	1.90
Exempt	83.41	85.53	-0.13	3.60
German Growth	56.71	60.38	+0.13	0.70
Global Growth	108.30	115.50	+0.30	...
Japan Growth	190.10	203.50	-9.10	...
Japan Sunrise	166.10	177.40	-7.70	...
Portfolio	118.30	126.60	+0.50	3.20
-do- Acc	210.90	225.70	-0.90	3.20
UK Growth	82.91	88.20f	+0.22	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	86.22	92.21	+0.16	1.90
Select Managers	63.59	68.10	+0.20	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	105.66	113.00	+0.47	1.87
-do- Inc	96.05	102.73	+0.43	1.87
Global Bond	29.27	31.06f	+0.13	5.37
High Yield Acc	54.14	57.91	-0.03	3.50
-do- Inc	39.30	42.03	-0.02	3.50
Smlr Cos Acc	93.05	99.52	-0.27	1.35
-do- Inc	85.53	91.47f	-0.24	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	57.58	61.59	+1.03	...
-do- Inc	56.51	60.44	+1.01	...
Euro Gth Acc	100.77	107.77	+0.16	1.07
-do- Inc	99.39	106.29	+0.16	1.07
Mngd P folio	35.24	37.69	+0.17	1.29
Pacific Growth	101.89	108.96	-0.76	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	87.83	93.94	+0.50	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	126.60	134.80	...	3.11
Smaller Cos Acc	301.50	322.60	+1.50	...
Smaller Cos Inc	175.40	187.60	-0.80	1.15
High Inc	70.52	75.81f	-0.41	6.91
Income	127.80	136.70	-0.20	4.02
Mngd P folio Inc	94.91	101.10	...	1.97
-do- Acc	179.40	191.00	-0.10	...
North American	103.40	110.10	+2.00	0.20
Orient	125.80	135.40f	-4.80	...
Recovery	41.78	44.91f	+0.42	2.49
German	39.96	42.86	-0.06	0.09
Intl Growth	33.71	35.90	-0.31	0.22
European Inc	22.09	23.79	+0.15	0.47
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	61.45	65.38	...	1.44
-do- Acc	69.28	73.71	...	1.25
Income Fund 5	213.90	227.60	...	4.09
-do- Acc	497.60	529.40	...	4.14
Inv Portfolio	67.63	70.08	...	2.13
-do- Acc	76.36	79.15	...	2.07
Smaller Cos	127.50	135.70f	...	1.63
-do- Acc	154.30	160.20f	...	1.52
High Inc P folio	60.68	62.89	...	4.61
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071-480 7236				
Sht Gilt Fxd Int	66.01	66.91	-0.02	5.81
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	134.90	143.60f	-0.20	1.71
UK Growth	147.90	157.40	...	2.11
UK Income	123.50	131.40	...	4.13
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	86.07	92.54	+0.81	0.99
Growth	44.34	47.42	+0.17	2.89
Income	54.30	58.08	+0.06	4.13
Far East	47.42	50.98	-0.92	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
North American	83.96	90.38	-0.77	...
Global	84.12	89.97	-0.08	0.87
European	70.48	75.38	-0.29	1.18
Japan	107.30	114.80	-0.80	0.01
Intl Currency Fd	59.03	62.56	+0.33	5.13
UK Cap Gwth	79.89	85.45	-0.20	1.97
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 3685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	130.90	138.90	+1.70	0.22
-do- Acc	138.80	147.70	+1.90	0.22
European	66.03	69.97	+0.38	0.77
-do- Acc	68.44	72.52	+0.39	0.77
Far East Gen	63.17	67.21	-2.90	...
-do- Acc	63.17	67.21	-2.90	...
Glenfriars	258.40	274.90	+3.10	0.67
-do- Acc	290.90	309.50	+3.60	0.67
Growth	381.80	408.40	-0.20	3.23
-do- Acc	653.60	699.10	-0.40	2.23
Income Growth	378.80	403.00	-3.40	3.77
-do- Acc	503.70	535.90	+4.70	3.77
Master Portfolio	9645.0	9890.0	+37.00	2.22
-do- Acc	11047.0	11446.0	+43.00	2.22
Special Sits	86.64	92.18	-0.02	2.23
-do- Acc	101.38	107.88	-0.03	2.23
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1203.0	1241.0f	+4.00	4.34
-do- Acc	1420.0	1464.0	+4.00	4.34
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	193.50	206.30	-0.90	1.60
Capital	536.80	572.80	+3.60	2.37
Eurotrack 100	130.30	138.70	+0.70	1.49
Euro Gth	80.79	86.13	+0.17	1.31
Far East Growth	89.78	95.81	-2.20	0.07
Global Bond	24.12	25.43	+0.23	5.88
Hong Kong	83.16	88.75	-1.48	0.77
Income	505.90	537.70	+1.80	3.88
Intl Growth	72.82	77.71f	-0.85	1.00
Japan Growth	252.80	269.70	-17.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	32.98	35.19	-1.69	...
Japan Index	75.24	80.29	-4.09	0.24
Nth American	443.60	473.40	+5.80	0.46
S pore Mly Gth	55.03	58.72	-0.92	...
The Foonds Fd	107.50	113.50f	+0.60	3.70
Tiger Index	143.70	153.30	+1.00	0.61
Triple Index	106.30	113.40	+0.20	2.53
UK Index	125.00	133.40	+0.60	3.00
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	83.45	89.18f	...	1.00
European P folio	72.88	77.67	...	1.38
Japanese P folio	62.67	66.60	-2.75	...
Pacific P folio	101.96	109.64f	+1.28	1.07
Cazenove P folio	71.50	76.48	...	3.00
UK Income Gth	63.32	67.91	...	3.00
Utility & Bond	49.87	50.54	...	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	599.55	601.80	...	4.95
Fixed Int	153.15	153.90	...	9.42
Deposit	5.60	5.72	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	590.99	598.50	...	5.00
-do- Acc	2316.8	2332.7	...	...
Deposit	5.50	5.62	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.45	124.64	...	9.31
-do- Acc	166.80	166.90	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	63.19	66.52	+0.51	2.27
Beckman Intl	81.44	85.97	...	3.08
Friars Hse Inc	178.35	191.77f	-0.15	6.08
Friars Hse Cap	248.32	267.01	+0.88	2.73
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 686 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Smaller Cos	36.19	38.50	+0.06	1.83
-do- Acc	40.77	43.37	+0.07	1.83
Wwide Bd	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Wwide Sp Sits	56.50	60.43	-0.44	0.25
-do- Acc	58.86	62.95	-0.46	0.25
Quilter	123.28	131.15	+0.39	2.49
-do- Acc	136.92	145.66	+0.44	2.49
Quilter Income	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	92.35	92.35	+0.03	5.02
-do- Acc	92.35	92.35	+0.03	5.02
Fixed Conv	40.76	43.36f	+0.15	6.71
-do- Acc	108.03	114.93	+0.15	6.71
Equity Income	143.60	152.77	-2.23	3.64
-do- Acc	460.96	490.37	-7.19	3.64
Preference	47.06	50.07	+0.11	7.34
-do- Acc	241.45	256.86	+0.59	7.34
PPT Europe	149.41	158.95	+0.71	1.06
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	47.31	50.33	+0.16	7.93
PPT Global Bond	85.70	91.05	+0.78	5.43
PPT Gold Cmm	58.43	62.16	+1.49	...
PPT Oriental Gth	56.71	60.33	-1.04	0.25
PPT Far East Gth	104.89	111.59	-1.70	2.14
PPT High Yield	117.98	125.51	+0.41	4.59
-do- Acc	433.91	482.88	+1.58	4.59
PPT Managed	61.48	65.40	-0.03	3.41
-do- Acc	75.16	79.96	-0.03	3.41
PPT UK General	68.29	72.65	+0.18	2.54
-do- Acc	82.87	88.16	+0.21	2.54
PPT Japan	111.31	118.41	-5.32	...
PPT N Amer	149.51	159.05	+1.79	0.06
PPT UK Gth	118.36	125.91	+0.34	2.04
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	84.16	89.53	-0.15	0.88
Japanese Acc	60.13	63.97	-2.91	...
UK Balncd Inc	126.50	134.60f	+0.20	2.49
-do- Acc	149.30	158.80f	+0.20	2.49
UK Growth Acc	206.60	219.80f	+0.20	2.20
UK High Inc	132.70	141.20f	+0.20	4.73
-do- Acc	160.60	170.90f	+0.30	4.73
N America Acc	111.90	119.00	+1.20	0.33
European Acc	154.20	164.00	-0.10	0.43
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.74	63.36f	+0.09	8.92
-do- Acc	97.99	103.90f	+0.13	8.92
Intl Sp Sits Acc	47.74	50.79	-0.50	0.22
Environmntl Opp	71.04	75.57	+0.02	1.73
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1800				
American	112.00	119.00	+1.30	0.42
UK Smllr Cos	200.90	213.50f	+0.30	1.17
Eurofund	37.53	39.75	+0.03	1.01
Mngd Exempt	165.40	172.40	-0.30	3.05
Growth Inc	215.30	228.80	+1.30	3.72
High Dist	141.60	150.50f	+0.70	5.15
International	320.20	340.20	-0.60	0.96
Intl Income	80.72	86.17	-0.25	3.02
Pacific	59.79	63.53	...	0.47
Smllr Jap Cos	68.68	72.97	-3.38	...
Tokyo	193.70	205.80	-9.80	...
Japan Exempt	119.90	123.10	-6.60	0.41

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Sm Jap Exempt	597.60	614.00	-37.00	0.08
Equity Income	121.00	128.60f	+0.50	3.97
Formerly Target				
American Eagle	...	...	...	...
Australia	6.983	7.416	+0.191	1.06
Euro Spec Sits	140.80	149.00	+0.30	0.35
Financial	40.90	43.46	+0.15	2.75
Global Opps Inc	88.50	94.03	+0.15	2.13
-do- Acc	91.73	97.46	+0.15	2.13
Gold Gen Inc	50.50	53.66	-1.10	0.80
-do- Acc	96.93	103.00	-2.10	0.80
Income	119.70	127.20f	...	4.01
Japan General	152.00	161.50	-6.40	...
Preference	21.79	23.15f	+0.05	7.84
UK Capital	103.70	110.20	-0.60	3.06
Worldwide Cap	198.00	210.40	+0.30	3.05
World Income	85.28	90.62	+1.00	3.28
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	176.80	188.00	...	0.90
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	106.00	111.61	+0.86	3.11
High Income	121.40	127.79f	+0.95	4.68
Tst of Inv Tsts	147.78	155.56	+0.05	1.91
Special Sits	86.66	91.22	-0.47	2.36
North American	102.38	107.77	+0.01	0.86
Far Eastern	245.31	259.27	-3.86	1.60
Intl Growth	95.28	100.29	+0.44	1.29
European	63.01	66.33f	+0.25	2.30
Smaller Cos	70.63	74.35f	+0.31	2.08
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	219.40	233.40	...	3.34
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414161				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	122.40	130.20	+0.60	...
High Income	25.47	26.80f	+0.14	5.59
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	93.53	98.96f	+0.63	0.75
Far Eastern	134.10	143.30	-3.10	...
Overs Income	88.44	94.64	+1.40	2.26
UK Growth	94.72	101.20f	+0.40	0.96
UK Income	100.20	107.20	+0.30	3.24
US Smaller Cos	252.50	270.00	+5.20	0.08
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	48.91	52.08	+0.88	...
-do- Acc	48.91	52.08	+0.88	...
Am Smllr Co	426.70	456.30	+8.10	...
-do- Acc	435.90	466.10	+8.20	...
Capital	293.00	311.60	+0.60	2.02
-do- Acc	408.00	433.90	+0.70	2.02
Cont Smllr Cos	47.56	51.11f	+0.18	0.78
-do- Acc	49.70	53.42f	+0.19	0.78
Convertible	114.30	121.50	+0.30	5.80
-do- Acc	216.90	230.70	+0.60	5.80
Emg Mark	53.33	56.97	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	53.33	56.97	+0.80	...
European	95.22	101.60f	+0.40	1.01
-do- Acc	99.26	106.00f	+0.50	1.01
Extra Income	298.20	317.20	+0.80	3.97
-do- Acc	417.50	444.10	+1.10	3.97
Financial	105.60	113.60	+1.50	0.65
-do- Acc	110.50	118.90	+1.60	0.65
Gilt Gth Tst	61.86	63.80	+0.31	6.87
-do- Acc	79.93	82.43	+0.40	6.87
Health Fund Inc	118.50	126.60	+1.00	...
-do- Acc	118.50	126.60	+1.00	...
Income Tst	179.90	191.30f	+0.50	3.84
-do- Acc	255.00	271.20f	+0.70	3.84
Intl Growth	314.00	335.80	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	348.70	372.80	+0.80	...
Japan Gen	172.30	183.90	-7.90	...
-do- Acc	174.00	185.80	-7.90	...
Mngd P folio Inc	90.86	95.64	+0.33	0.86
-do- Acc	95.48	100.50	+0.30	0.86
Monthly Income	154.00	163.80	+0.50	3.92
Qrtly Inc	48.99	52.11f	+0.03	5.86
-do- Acc	49.11	52.23f	+0.02	5.86
Recovery	290.00	310.10	-0.40	0.64
-do- Acc	339.70	363.20	-0.40	0.64
UK Growth	46.94	50.12	+0.21	2.63
-do- Acc	46.94	50.12	+0.21	2.63
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	347.48	369.66f	-0.16	2.65
-do- Acc	709.55	754.84f	-0.33	2.65
Euro Gth Dist	108.00	112.77	+0.04	1.05
-do- Acc	109.17	116.14	+0.04	1.05
Fixed Int Dist	129.77	137.26f	+0.21	6.38
-do- Acc	220.78	233.53f	+0.36	6.38
Intl Gth Dist	76.41	81.29f	-0.59	0.78
-do- Acc	79.31	84.37f	-0.63	0.78
Nth Amer Dist	167.35	177.28	+0.18	0.91
-do- Acc	181.48	192.25	+0.19	0.91
Pac Basin Dist	245.59	261.27	-3.28	0.13
-do- Acc	249.47	265.39	-3.34	0.13
Stewardship Dist	301.92	321.19f	+0.31	1.74
-do- Acc	360.00	382.98f	+0.38	1.74
Stwd Inc Dist	64.47	68.58f	-0.06	3.15
-do- Acc	79.76	84.85f	-0.07	3.15
N Am Stwd Dist	97.45	103.67	-0.65	...
-do- Acc	103.09	109.67	-0.67	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567. Dlng: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	142.00	151.90	+2.90	...
European	407.90	432.90	+1.60	0.98
Far East General	223.90	238.50	-3.00	0.30
Germany	95.37	101.10	+0.20	0.45
Global Assets In	68.68	73.63	+0.34	2.19
Global Assets Ac	72.94	77.86	+0.36	2.14
Income Inc	123.50	132.10	+0.49	6.66
International	269.90	288.50	+0.70	0.97
Intl Income	76.68	81.69f	+1.11	4.88
Japan General	362.90	385.60	-9.00	...
Smllr Cos Div	47.50	50.81	+0.11	3.98
UK Capital Inc	171.30	183.20	...	3.77
-do- Acc	293.00	313.40	...	3.58
UK Spec Sits	77.58	82.98	+0.48	1.53
US General	116.30	123.90	+1.80	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	114.60	122.40	-0.40	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	44.33	47.44	+0.17	1.52
Cash Trust	129.05	129.05f	+0.04	4.76
Fract Inv Inc	103.68	111.38	-0.09	4.13
-do- Acc	222.58	238.69	-0.18	4.13
UK Smaller Cos	105.03	112.63	-0.20	0.84
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.47	27.24	+0.04	7.97
High Inc	31.77	33.98f	+0.09	4.83
UK Equity Inc	129.31	138.30	+0.38	3.50
Global Bond	29.89	30.97f	+0.33	4.65
International Funds				
Gold Intl	85.01	91.16f	+2.74	0.64
Frontier Markets	42.57	45.65	+0.70	0.48
Global Inc Gth	119.89	127.96	+0.89	1.87
UK Intl	113.44	121.33f	+0.61	0.24
Overseas Funds				
American	128.75	137.60f	+1.59	0.48

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	81.70	86.88	+0.53	0.61
Euro Sel Opps	98.17	102.61	-0.66	0.80
American Emerg	81.44	87.34	+1.00	...
Hong Kong	117.08	125.56	-1.43	1.85
Japan	216.64	230.00	-10.00	...
Pacific Growth	159.98	171.56f	+0.15	0.38
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	126.28	135.05	-0.49	0.37
American Gth	124.38	133.03	+1.66	...
European Gth	66.25	70.85	+0.14	0.62
Japan Gth	76.23	81.53	-3.04	...
Pacific Inc	144.03	154.04	-1.31	2.85
Pacific Strategy	126.23	135.01	-0.31	0.25
UK Prog Inc	70.56	74.44f	-0.66	4.61
Gt British Cos	47.51	50.16f	...	2.30
UK Small Cos	46.21	49.42	+1.18	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	131.30	131.30	...	4.63
Gilt Fixed	120.60	128.00	...	6.11
Growth Equity	286.80	306.40f	...	2.17
Guardhill	426.00	455.10	...	2.21
Income Trust	109.50	116.60f	...	3.04
International	156.30	167.20	...	0.36
Japan Trust	124.10	132.50	...	...
Nth American	250.40	267.50	...	0.48
Pacific	373.00	398.40	...	...
European	338.50	361.60f	...	0.74
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 660, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 898068				
Global Adv Inc	35.27	37.39	-0.10	1.65
-do- Acc	36.91	39.13	-0.10	1.65
Inc Adv Inc	29.37	31.14f	-0.10	4.04
-do- Acc	30.82	32.67	-0.10	4.04
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690990				
Canadian	81.91	87.74	+1.75	1.17
Equity Income	111.80	118.60f	+0.10	3.47
European	130.30	137.90	-0.10	1.23
Intl Situation	74.17	78.90f	+0.05	...
Japanese	136.60	144.90	-7.40	...
North American	96.51	102.40f	+1.20	...
Scandinavian	112.90	119.40	+0.50	0.01
Smaller Cos	30.60	32.55	-0.58	2.05
HENDERSON PO Box 2357, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263200 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	88.60	94.71	-1.10	...
Asian Enterprise	130.59	141.74f	-0.36	0.55
Australian	140.12	149.78	+4.23	1.32
European	369.61	391.20	+1.90	1.30
European Inc	70.79	74.87	+0.42	2.93
Euro Sml Co	118.71	126.50	+0.38	0.56
Extra Income	258.60	275.30f	+0.78	4.83
Family of Funds	70.63	75.44	+0.04	1.23
Fixed Interest	54.98	58.80f	+0.03	7.61
Global Resour	105.35	113.09	+1.78	0.74
High Inc	292.27	312.43	+1.11	4.25
Income Gth	236.53	251.90f	+0.39	3.58
-do- Acc	611.30	651.05f	+1.02	3.58
International	229.16	244.34	+0.01	0.94
Japan Spc Sit	233.58	247.19	-10.94	...
Japan	197.47	209.97	-11.03	...
N Amer	220.36	234.65	+3.41	0.24
Pacific Smllr Cos	192.33	208.12	-2.02	0.27
Pref Gilt	46.05	49.72	+0.05	8.49
Smaller Cos Div	169.02	184.23	-0.17	3.73
Special Sits	261.31	279.60	+0.43	1.71
-do- Acc	402.65	430.83	+0.66	1.71
Best of British	55.42	59.30f	+0.19	2.58
Spirit of the East	59.80	63.98	-1.03	1.38
Henderson TR Dealing 071 410 4029				
American Gth	79.55	85.07	+1.16	...
Euro Spec Sits	45.92	48.84	+0.07	1.45
-do- Acc	48.62	51.71	+0.07	1.45
Far East Opps	32.53	35.26f	-0.09	0.42
-do- Acc	33.57	36.39	-0.10	0.42
General Growth	99.13	106.05	+0.51	2.63
Global Tech	122.48	132.35f	+0.59	...
Income Growth	103.06	110.72	+0.33	3.74
Income Monthly	57.25	61.22	+0.15	5.37
Japan Growth	79.18	84.26f	-4.00	...
Overseas Gth	78.01	80.89f	-0.17	0.83
Smaller Cos	73.00	78.10	+0.07	1.63
Special Opps	108.97	112.87	+0.04	1.52
Wld Spec Sits	49.36	52.82	+0.11	0.77
-do- Acc	49.47	52.94	+0.11	0.77
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	87.84	93.94	+1.01	2.23
Capital	155.60	166.40	+0.70	1.89
Dollar	307.50	328.80	+3.70	0.03
European	199.00	212.80	+1.00	0.63
Far East	243.90	260.80	+3.70	0.26
Financial	698.50	747.00	+0.80	1.97
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.70	26.70	+0.06	7.78
High Yield	99.96	106.90f	...	4.57
Income	134.20	143.50	+0.70	3.43
Intl	214.40	229.30	+0.40	0.37
Japan Tech	69.54	74.37	-2.50	...
Nat Resources	61.35	65.61	+1.41	0.46
Security	299.20	320.00	+3.90	1.94
Smaller Cos	110.60	118.20	+0.10	1.26
Special Sits	137.40	146.90	+0.50	1.61
US Smaller Cos	67.31	71.98f	+0.52	...
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	25.16	26.89	...	1.54
Special Features	27.16	28.85	-0.05	1.62
-do- Acc	32.07	34.07	-0.05	1.62
General Funds				
UK Growth	53.11	56.77f	-0.17	1.88
Assets Earnings	70.94	75.37	+0.32	1.88
do Acc	83.37	88.58	+0.38	1.88
Managed Invest	86.82	92.75	-0.37	1.19
Rupert Children	75.32	80.27	+0.32	1.81
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.72	50.72	-0.02	4.30
Extra Inc	79.06	84.51	+0.13	4.81
Gilt	27.32	28.78f	+0.09	6.85
Income Gth	38.59	41.18	+0.10	3.42
MIMstar	75.98	77.66	+0.13	7.90
Preference	17.64	18.76f	+0.06	6.39
UK Income	310.00	331.30	+1.10	2.90
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	57.04	60.60f	+0.13	1.25
Property Shares	64.03	68.86	+0.09	1.72
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	143.30	150.60f	+0.30	3.72
European Acc	111.60	118.20	+0.80	1.77
European Dist	106.20	112.50	+0.70	1.77
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	48.85	52.02	+0.51	0.90
European Perf	110.50	117.30	+0.60	1.03
-do- Acc	112.60	119.50	+0.70	1.03
Euro Small Cos	21.28	22.65	+0.09	0.74
French Growth	65.32	69.62	+0.42	0.53
-do- Acc	69.78	74.38	+0.45	0.53
Hong K/China	72.84	77.39	-1.03	1.61
Intl Growth	51.26	54.46	-0.23	0.64
-do- Acc	51.26	54.46	-0.23	0.64
Japan Perf	33.25	35.31f	-1.55	...
Accum Units	33.25	35.31f	-1.55	...
Japan Smllr Cos	35.83	38.09	-1.54	...
Singapore Asean	83.51	88.72	+0.42	0.28
-do- Acc	84.02	89.27	+0.42	0.28
South East Asia	238.50	253.40	+0.30	0.94

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UK Smllr Cos	102.80	109.20f	+2.00	...
-do- Acc	103.90	110.30f	+2.00	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	83.28	88.72f	-0.35	2.18
Intl Bond	58.15	58.04	-0.49	6.17
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.59	69.93f	+0.02	4.80
Extra Income	51.07	54.33f	+0.12	7.11
Gilt Yield	117.60	124.10f	+0.40	7.28
Global Income	199.80	212.30f	+3.90	4.13
High Yield	133.60	142.10	+0.64	5.82
Smllr Cos Div	47.93	50.99f	+0.04	4.12
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	89.52	95.23	+0.80	...
North American	76.23	81.10f	+1.15	0.42
European	128.30	137.60f	+0.40	1.63
Euro Special	76.64	81.53	+0.03	0.94
General	264.00	280.00	+1.80	3.18
Japan	411.40	437.70	-17.80	...
Japanese Special	231.90	246.70	-9.60	...
Master Acc	215.30	229.00	+0.20	1.36
Pacific	264.70	281.60	-7.10	0.57
Smaller Cos	98.30	104.60f	+1.83	1.60
UK Equity Gth	36.27	38.59	+0.10	1.66
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5[illegible]				
European	72.32	76.94f	-0.05	1.01
Extra Income	23.74	25.26f	...	3.26
Far East	26.87	28.59	-0.43	0.93
Income Gwth	72.49	77.12	+0.05	2.76
Intl Growth	50.95	54.20	-0.36	0.68
Japan	62.76	66.77	-2.51	...
Maximum Dist*	100.10	102.10	...	6.91
N Amer Equity	38.59	41.05f	+0.36	0.27
UK Equity	86.47	91.99	+0.11	2.94
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	53.38	56.79	+0.35	4.40
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690355				
Equity Dist	425.50	452.70	+1.60	2.73
Equity Acc	807.70	859.30	+3.10	2.73
Equity Income	91.32	97.15	+0.01	4.79
European	95.25	101.30	+0.60	1.28
Far Eastern	181.50	193.10	-3.00	...
Fixed Interest	51.34	54.63f	+0.06	6.57
Gilt	90.38	96.84	+0.34	6.42
Global Growth	65.96	69.74f	-0.23	0.46
Intl Bond	56.95	60.59	+0.50	4.69
Japanese	67.66	71.98	-3.59	...
Overseas Equity	94.20	100.20f	-0.40	0.05
Pacific Gth	87.68	93.28	+0.58	0.45
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	310.40	330.30	+0.20	2.82
-do- Acc	681.90	725.50	+0.50	2.82
Contl Euro Gth	50.02	52.66	-0.01	1.46
-do- Acc	52.90	55.69	-0.01	1.46
Extra Inc	237.90	253.10	+3.40	3.78
-do- Acc	588.10	625.70	+8.50	3.78
German Gth	98.78	104.00	-0.50	0.26
-do- Acc	103.60	109.10	-0.60	0.26
Growth Port	486.30	517.40	-0.40	1.12
-do- Acc	486.30	517.40	-0.40	1.12
Income	447.60	476.20	...	3.51
-do- Acc	1148.0	1222.0	...	3.51
Income Port	486.50	517.60	+0.20	4.21
-do- Acc	491.20	522.60	+0.20	4.21
Japan Growth	92.46	98.37	-4.23	0.01
-do- Acc	92.78	98.71	-4.29	0.01
Master Trust	51.33	54.61	+0.71	1.39
-do- Acc	56.51	60.12	+0.79	1.39
N American Gen	182.50	194.20	+1.80	0.01
-do- Acc	210.70	224.20	+1.70	0.01
Nam Sm Co Rec	138.50	147.40	+1.30	0.01
-do- Acc	141.40	150.50	+1.40	0.01
Pacific Basin	205.20	218.30	+1.00	0.62
-do- Acc	216.80	230.70	+1.10	0.62
Small Cos Rec	311.90	328.40	-0.80	2.07
-do- Acc	406.20	432.60	-0.80	2.07
UK Growth	77.33	82.27	-1.27	2.34
-do- Acc	90.16	95.92	-1.48	2.34
Worldwide Gth	275.00	292.60f	-4.40	0.19
-do- Acc	405.60	431.50	-6.50	0.19
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282873				
General	76.87	82.48f	+0.12	2.80
Income	60.41	64.82	+0.33	5.30
International	56.41	60.53f	-0.23	0.70
American	59.42	63.75	-0.62	0.30
Japan	52.30	56.12	-1.92	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	56.31	60.42	-0.28	1.80
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	387.70	409.40	+2.30	0.89
-do- Acc	478.40	505.10	+2.80	0.89
American Rec	412.20	435.90	+6.60	0.23
-do- Acc	472.30	499.48	+7.90	0.23
Am Sm Co Acc	119.80	126.70	+1.20	...
Australia Acc	161.20	170.50	+5.10	1.14
Capital	667.80	706.30	+0.20	2.42
-do- Acc	737.00	779.40	+0.20	2.42
Commodity Acc	432.20	457.20	-10.30	0.79
Compnd Gth	818.10	865.00	+0.30	2.87
Dividend	35.20	37.39f	...	4.12
-do- Acc	139.40	147.40	-0.10	4.12
Equity Inc	300.30	317.60	-0.50	4.72
European Div	59.60	63.00	+0.20	4.30
-do- Acc	67.40	71.20	+0.20	4.30
European Gen	379.70	401.50f	+0.83	1.17
-do- Acc	477.00	504.40	+1.20	1.17
Extra Yield	375.30	396.90	-0.50	4.32
-do- Acc	1097.3	1160.4	-1.70	4.32
Far Eastern	301.70	319.00	-2.10	0.79
-do- Acc	396.80	419.70	-2.60	0.79
Fund of Inv	504.00	533.00f	-1.90	2.15
-do- Acc	919.30	972.30	-3.40	2.15
General	52.90	55.90f	-0.19	3.54
-do- Acc	141.50	149.60	-0.40	3.54
Gilt Fxd Int	61.60	63.70f	+0.10	7.69
do Acc	154.80	155.10	+0.30	7.69
Gold	54.30	57.40	+2.00	0.90
-do- Acc	63.50	67.10	+2.30	0.90
High Inc	24.70	26.10f	...	4.47
-do- Acc	93.50	99.00	+0.10	4.47
Intl Growth	67.90	71.80	-0.30	0.97
-do- Acc	117.10	123.80	-0.60	0.97
Intl Inc	93.50	98.90	+0.60	4.59
Japan Gen Acc	48.00	50.90	-2.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	145.00	153.40	-4.70	...
Midland	55.20	58.40	-0.20	3.22
-do- Acc	176.30	187.00	-0.60	3.22
Recovery	36.30	38.40	+0.06	2.60
-do- Acc	57.90	61.20	+0.10	2.60
Second Gen	61.20	64.70f	-0.07	3.37
-do- Acc	151.80	160.40	...	3.37
Smaller Cos	60.50	64.00	...	3.04
-do- Acc	114.60	121.40	...	3.04
Trustee	38.90	41.10	-0.10	3.82
Charibond 3	1111.06	...	+0.10	9.71
Charifund 2	632.30	638.70	+0.10	5.17
Pension ex 1	837.70	858.70	+0.20	4.25
NAACIF Inc 3	345.57	...	...	7.75
-do- Acc 3	11103.5	...	-0.30	7.75

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MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 418, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680046				
Inv Port Inc	136.40	145.80	...	1.98
-do- Acc	151.50	162.00	...	1.98
UK Income	113.60	121.40f	-0.33	2.61
-do- Acc	128.30	137.20f	+0.33	2.61
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 228 5252				
Emerg Mkts	83.02	88.79	+0.81	0.77
Far East (Pacific)	133.90	142.10f	-1.10	0.65
Income Growth	71.70	76.11f	+1.08	3.45
European	66.53	70.62	-0.31	1.28
Nth American	56.18	59.65f	+0.33	1.02
UK Growth	75.81	82.47	+0.24	1.60
Intl Growth	93.47	99.22	-0.18	0.65
Charities	106.50	113.00f	+0.10	3.76
Intl Income	67.22	71.35f	-0.21	4.23
Japan	51.00	54.14	-2.22	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	186.70	198.30	+2.00	...
-do- Acc	199.50	211.90	+2.20	...
Cash	100.80	100.80	...	5.52
-do- Acc	129.70	129.70	+0.10	5.52
European Gth	190.50	202.10	+0.20	0.79
-do- Acc	203.70	216.40	+0.40	0.79
General	459.90	490.60	+1.20	2.47
-do- Acc	874.80	933.30	+2.50	2.47
Global Dist	131.90	138.70	+1.00	5.26
-do- Acc	147.60	155.10	+1.00	5.26
Income	135.30	144.30f	...	4.72
-do- Acc	199.60	212.90f	...	4.72
International	381.00	406.10f	-0.70	0.69
-do- Acc	506.70	540.10f	-0.90	0.69
Japan	176.40	187.30	-6.30	...
-do- Acc	181.10	192.20	-6.50	...
New Europe	138.00	147.30	...	1.76
-do- Acc	140.30	149.70	...	1.76
Recovery	291.70	311.20f	+0.20	2.88
-do- Acc	368.60	393.30f	+0.30	2.88
European Inc	72.72	77.45f	+0.45	3.15
-do- Acc	93.97	100.00f	+0.52	3.15
Brit Blue Chip	71.53	76.21	+0.18	3.31
-do- Acc	84.36	89.89	+0.26	3.31
Portfolio	73.33	78.00	+0.15	2.90
-do- Acc	83.38	88.70	+0.17	2.90
Gold General	123.10	132.40f	+4.70	0.71
-do- Acc	125.80	135.30f	+4.70	0.71
Pacific	94.03	100.30f	-0.10	0.83
-do- Acc	99.93	106.60f	+0.50	0.83
UK Smaller Cos	52.65	56.10	-0.09	1.94
-do- Acc	58.76	62.68	-0.11	1.94
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 122 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 520 280 Enquiries: 0742 529 876				
Balanced Dist	56.89	60.84	+0.04	2.90
-do- Acc	57.76	61.78	+0.05	2.90
British Dist	76.54	81.86	+0.33	2.08
-do- Acc	86.65	92.67	+0.38	2.08
European Gth	167.20	178.70f	+1.00	0.25
-do- Acc	210.00	224.30	+1.20	0.25
Extra High Inc	68.28	73.03	+0.12	6.28
-do- Acc	120.10	128.40	+0.20	6.28
FT-SE 100 Index	48.54	51.91	+0.18	2.63
-do- Acc	48.54	51.91	+0.18	2.63
Gilt Fixed Int	55.43	57.71f	+0.15	7.01
-do- Acc	148.00	154.00	+0.40	7.01
High Yield	215.40	230.40	+0.50	4.76
-do- Acc	505.70	540.90	+1.20	4.76
Income	277.90	297.20	+0.70	3.35
-do- Acc	577.20	617.90	+1.60	3.35
Japan Gth	320.80	343.10	-19.60	...
-do- Acc	338.60	362.70	-20.70	...
Mandarin Acc	100.40	107.40	+2.20	0.46
North American	164.30	175.70f	+1.80	0.25
-do- Acc	207.20	221.60	+2.10	0.25
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071-826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0823				
American Gth	262.00	279.10	+3.10	...
Deposit Inc	100.01	100.01f	+0.02	5.58
Deposit Acc	122.70	122.70f	+0.04	5.58
Euro Gth Acc	277.30	296.30f	+0.60	...
Europa	123.80	133.00	+0.40	...
Intl Gth	167.40	179.00f	+0.60	...
Japan Tracker	73.44	77.86f	-3.75	...
UK Equity Inc	146.60	158.00f	-0.10	4.15
-do- Acc	179.80	193.80f	-0.10	4.15
UK Ind Tracker	142.20	152.30	...	3.16
US Eq Ind Trkr	191.20	203.10	+1.50	1.43
-do- Acc	202.40	214.90	+1.60	1.43
Asian Trader	160.20	174.20f	+0.50	0.46
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	160.50	170.60	+2.60	2.19
European	59.97	61.22	+0.17	1.50
Olympian	53.87	55.27	+0.03	0.34
Global Bond	47.59	48.11f	+0.33	6.60
Smaller Cos	66.15	69.16f	-0.21	0.95
Equity Income	90.47	93.01f	-0.06	5.12
UK Growth	81.96	84.37	+0.20	2.05
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Hilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 367730				
American Acc	46.40	49.49	+0.35	0.99
Australian Acc	295.80	317.30	+8.10	...
Conscience	61.68	65.82f	...	1.08
-do- Acc	66.57	71.04	...	1.08
European	165.40	176.40	+1.10	1.10
-do- Acc	178	189.80	+1.20	1.10
Extra Income	71.79	76.61	+0.34	5.80
-do- Acc	109.40	116.70	-0.60	5.80
Far East Gth	162.70	173.50	-2.60	0.07
Gilt Fxd Inc	58.35	61.76	+0.22	6.28
Gold	44.08	47.39	+0.88	...
-do- Acc	47.46	51.03	+0.88	...
Income	50.85	54.34f	+0.16	5.17
-do- Acc	155.80	166.20	+0.40	5.17
International	28.94	31.05	-0.18	1.06
-do- Acc	41.58	44.61	-0.26	1.06
Jap Sm Cos Acc	321.70	343.10	-12.70	...
S pore Mly Acc	189.30	202.90	-0.20	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.88	26.75f	+0.02	2.06
Special Sits	32.08	34.49	+0.11	1.80
-do- Acc	36.95	39.73	-0.12	1.80
Tokyo	81.34	86.76	-4.07	...
-do- Acc	82.16	87.63	-4.12	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	67.73	72.06	+0.20	2.73
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	74.28	78.61	+0.23	6.60
N&P Higher Inc	192.20	204.50f	+0.50	4.55
N&P UK Income	99.90	106.38f	+0.24	3.87
N&P Intl	86.01	91.30	+0.05	1.59
N&P Smaller Cos	76.21	81.06	-0.05	1.47
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	163.13	173.55	+0.40	2.33
Global	284.68	302.86	+1.58	1.14
Growth	107.74	114.62	+0.10	2.55
Income	200.07	212.85	+0.60	4.40
Intl Bond	126.60	134.74	+0.33	6.49
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 508, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733-470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	135.80	142.90f	...	2.58
-do- Acc	240.70	253.30	+0.10	2.58
Income	217.30	231.10	+0.40	3.57

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Equity	219.00	232.90	-1.70	0.89
-do- Acc	239.70	254.90	-2.00	0.99
Equity	213.30	226.90f	+0.10	2.47
-do- Acc	437.30	465.20	-0.30	2.47
UK Intl 25 Acc	68.50	72.96	-0.11	1.97
UK Income	60.22	64.06	+0.08	3.07
UK Smllr Co Acc	74.14	78.87	+0.01	1.45
New Europe Acc	60.60	64.46	-0.01	1.37
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	95.01	101.62	-1.15	0.30
PEP Gth Inc	99.51	105.75	-0.04	1.32
Intl Gth	473.88	508.07	-5.30	0.61
Income	301.81	322.80	-2.77	3.40
W wide Recov	303.87	325.00	-2.32	0.27
American Gth	202.15	216.21	-0.88	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	183.46	196.37	-1.11	0.00
Far East Gth	210.54	225.18	-3.87	0.07
European Gth	110.03	117.68	-0.32	1.28
UK Growth	76.70	82.04	+0.51	3.00
High Income	83.74	89.57	+0.15	4.52
Japanese Gth	205.43	218.75	-8.80	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443				
International	172.50	183.50	-0.70	0.85
High Income	107.60	114.60	-0.10	3.74
Conv Gilt	109.20	116.20f	-0.20	6.14
Far East	308.60	328.30	+1.00	0.27
Global Inc Acc	31.20	33.25	+0.11	3.13
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Seniors Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	50.98	54.24	+0.52	0.20
Emerging Mkts	64.70	68.83	+1.21	0.55
General	46.98	49.98f	+0.21	3.21
International	81.94	87.17	-0.21	1.38
Gilt Units	25.33	26.11f	+0.08	7.38
Global PEP	34.52	36.72	+0.01	2.11
Income Gth	64.69	68.82f	+0.23	4.76
European	41.88	44.55	+0.24	0.68
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.17	26.78f	+0.04	5.84
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricechecks: 0426 929898				
Pru Mngd Tst	30.98	33.13	-0.07	1.76
Pru Cah Hvn Inc	101.29	101.29f	+0.04	5.06
-do- Acc	105.42	105.42f	+0.04	5.06
Pru Equity	653.87	699.52	-2.46	2.59
Pru Equity Inc	77.65	83.04f	-0.17	4.73
Pru European	170.50	182.35f	+0.76	1.24
Pru Global Gth	78.78	84.25	+0.13	1.23
Pru High Inc	82.87	88.59f	+0.21	4.94
Pru Intl	159.36	170.43	-0.31	1.05
Pru Intl Sm Co	68.25	72.99	-0.01	0.72
Pru Japanese	190.73	203.98	-9.04	...
Pru Nth Amer	140.74	150.52f	+2.13	0.85
Pru Pacific Mkt	76.89	82.23	-0.15	1.32
Pru Premr Inc	48.17	51.21	+0.07	7.47
Pru Smllr Cos	82.34	88.06f	+0.09	2.04
Pru Spec Sits	97.56	104.77	+0.32	2.43
Pru UK Growth	109.45	117.08	+0.43	2.32
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2983/4				
NC Income	151.08	162.81f	-0.07	3.61
NC Japan	258.60	277.08	-14.55	...
NC Mid UK Cos	90.65	97.53f	+0.03	2.54
NC America Inc	480.90	515.86	+7.06	0.74
-do- Acc	558.57	599.17	+8.20	0.74
NC Smllr UK Cos	264.37	288.11	-0.77	1.51
NC European	248.34	265.12	+0.44	1.47
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 829929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	72.39	77.01	+1.04	3.66
Capital Units	142.50	151.50f	-0.40	1.30
Commodity	105.30	112.00	+2.70	1.16
European Gth	152.50	162.20	+1.00	1.37
Financial Sec	171.90	182.80f	+0.40	1.84
High Return	214.90	228.60	-0.20	4.43
High Yield	202.60	215.50	-0.30	4.05
Income Units	108.60	115.50	...	4.93
Investment	175.60	186.80	-0.60	1.28
Japan Gth	149.00	158.50	-5.80	...
Japan Smaller	178.40	189.70	-5.60	...
Masterfund	46.20	49.14f	+0.01	1.30
Scotbits	251.90	267.90	+0.90	1.54
Scotshares	257.80	274.20f	+1.20	2.25
Scotyields	222.30	236.30	-0.20	3.92
Select Intl	127.80	135.90	+0.60	0.41
Smaller Cos	228.50	243.00	...	1.96
Special Situation	110.60	117.60f	+0.30	0.82
UK Equity	222.60	236.80	-0.50	2.69
US Growth	138.40	147.20	+1.40	0.38
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	232.01	247.54f	+0.07	0.50
-do- Acc	251.45	268.19	+0.07	0.50
Australian	127.07	135.54	+3.84	0.89
-do- Acc	149.39	159.35	+4.52	0.89
UK Enterprise	213.27	227.48	+1.16	2.33
-do- Acc	246.36	262.78	+1.33	2.33
European Gth	80.25	84.07f	+0.35	1.51
-do- Acc	82.58	86.55	+0.37	1.51
Euro Smllr Cos	55.08	58.68f	+0.13	0.43
-do- Acc	55.46	59.08	+0.13	0.43
Far Eastern Gth	71.31	76.08	-0.56	...
-do- Acc	72.46	77.29	-0.57	...
Fixed Interest	53.27	56.28	+0.19	6.87
-do- Acc	64.81	68.34	+0.22	6.87
Gilt Income	103.22	108.77	+0.42	7.56
-do- Acc	144.16	151.92	+0.60	7.56
Income	314.75	335.73	+0.89	3.88
-do- Acc	928.42	990.31	+2.62	3.88
Japan Enterprise	65.18	69.52	-3.01	...
-do- Acc	65.18	69.52	-3.01	...
Japan Smllr Cos	456.48	486.91	-19.41	...
-do- Acc	457.88	487.98	-19.45	...
Pacific Gth	99.62	106.06	-0.09	0.07
-do- Acc	99.49	106.12	-0.09	0.07
Smaller Cos	186.94	199.40f	-0.46	0.90
-do- Acc	216.02	230.42	-0.52	0.90
Tokyo	103.39	110.17	-4.34	...
-do- Acc	104.33	111.28	-4.39	...
UK Equity	210.38	224.40	+1.37	2.62
-do- Acc	389.60	415.57	+2.53	2.62
US Smllr Cos	132.88	141.73f	+0.07	...
-do- Acc	132.88	141.73	+0.07	...
World Fd	70.44	75.12	+0.15	1.46
-do- Acc	74.26	79.21	+0.15	1.46
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	45.64	48.63	+0.39	3.72
Equity Strategy	63.46	67.58	+0.06	1.01
European Opps	70.37	74.94	+0.03	3.22
Maximum Inc	99.32	101.89	+0.05	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	53.78	57.28	+0.07	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	342.80	366.50	+1.10	2.75
American	245.00	260.00	+3.60	0.94
Pacific	324.00	346.50	-6.90	0.68
European	445.50	476.50	+3.40	1.23
Worldwide	79.55	85.08	+0.43	1.05
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	299.90	319.10f	+0.10	2.20

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Sm Cos LGD	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.31	1.86
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	-3.50	1.83
North American	[illegible]	[illegible]	+2.81	0.56
Income Plus Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.01	2.72
UK Spec Sits	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.08	3.70
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2241/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	25.42	27.21	+0.03	2.44
Intl Growth Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.07	1.03
Market Idx Acc	25.14	[illegible]	+0.09	2.44
FOR SGTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4HR 071 626 6525				
European	197.75	...	+0.11	...
Global Bond	100.50	...	-0.21	7.90
Japan Samurai	100.75	...	-4.39	...
UK Growth	190.50	...	+0.27	4.40
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	43.95	46.70	-0.10	3.08
Equity Gth Acc	59.04	62.74	+0.10	1.90
UK Eq General	41.56	44.10		2.38
-do- Acc	54.89	58.32		2.38
European Acc	40.79	43.31	-0.21	1.29
Far East Acc	55.87	59.76	-0.50	0.26
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	30.89	32.14	+0.10	6.98
N American Acc	42.72	45.39	+0.21	0.38
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	275.70	290.30	-1.00	1.48
UK Eq High Inc	34.89	37.00	-0.10	3.91
-do- Acc	41.42	44.01	-0.10	3.94
UK Lgr Cos Inc	297.30	311.80	-0.10	3.26
UK Lgr Cos Acc	374.10	495.00	-0.20	3.26
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N283.61	N283.84		1.20
US Eq	$2.058	$2.180		0.80
Far East Eq	Y236.7	Y251.4		...
Japan Eq	Y241.2	Y256.2	..	...
FT Europe	111.90	118.30		2.10
FT North Am	$1.709	$1.812	..	1.00
FT Japan	Y238.3	Y253.1	...	
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.920	$2.039	...	1.00
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	336.80	358.10	+3.20	0.32
British	935.30	989.50	+0.60	4.16
European	389.00	413.00	+1.40	1.41
Japan	139.80	148.50	-5.40	...
New Pacific	297.00	316.30f	+3.10	1.27
Mngd Cash	96.14	96.14	...	5.06
Majority Stlg	100.30	101.34	+0.04	4.78
Inv Tst	188.90	200.20	-0.90	1.80
Saints PPP	380.40	400.50	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	721.40	771.60	+2.10	4.10
N America Acc	115.80	123.90	+1.90	0.17
Far East Acc	122.70	131.20	-1.40	...
W wide Bond	61.27	65.04	+0.51	5.32
European	82.57	88.31	+0.47	0.28
Equity Income	80.84	86.25f	+0.35	4.20
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	34.09	36.46	+0.14	0.03
Managed Assets	118.07	126.28	-0.06	3.44
UK Income	35.98	38.49f	+0.01	3.14
UK Growth	36.06	38.57	-0.04	2.40
Worldwide Gth	30.68	32.82f	-0.24	0.36
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	206.87	220.07	+3.55	0.11
-do- Acc	227.21	241.71	+3.90	0.11
British Gth	84.94	90.36	-0.20	1.90
-do- Acc	99.94	106.32	-0.24	1.90
European	93.09	99.03	+0.22	0.93
-do- Acc	98.19	104.46	+0.23	0.93
Extra Inc	185.76	197.62	+0.16	3.98
-do- Acc	296.34	315.26	+0.26	3.98
General Unit	262.25	278.98	-2.71	2.46
-do- Acc	517.47	550.50	-5.34	2.46
Income	318.36	338.66f	+0.68	3.60
-do- Acc	661.59	703.83f	+1.43	3.60
International	480.18	510.83	+1.95	0.46
-do- Acc	628.61	668.73	+2.56	0.46
Pacific	339.02	360.66f	-4.75	...
-do- Acc	356.13	378.86f	-4.98	...
Premier Income	50.82	53.94	+0.22	6.72
-do- Acc	105.96	110.38	+0.47	6.72
Nat Resources	121.50	129.26	+2.24	0.22
-do- Acc	133.35	141.86	+2.46	0.22
Selected Opps	98.48	104.77	+1.60	1.07
-do- Acc	123.30	131.17	+2.00	1.07
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8565				
Amer Sml Cos	77.59	83.18	+0.81	...
-do- Acc	80.43	85.79	+0.82	...
European Opps	60.02	63.90	+0.36	0.46
-do- Acc	60.65	64.57	+0.36	0.46
Far East Opps	149.49	159.45	-2.43	...
-do- Acc	152.98	163.17	-2.49	...
Japan	81.94	87.40	-3.90	...
-do- Acc	81.94	87.40	-3.99	...
Little Dragons	73.85	78.77	-0.31	0.63
-do- Acc	76.03	81.09	-0.33	0.63
Oriental Income	42.97	45.83	-0.42	3.47
-do- Acc	54.78	58.43	-0.53	3.47
Tiger	215.32	229.67	-0.53	1.15
-do- Acc	226.21	241.29	-0.56	1.15
UK Small Cos	75.62	80.66	+0.02	1.07
-do- Acc	87.99	94.10	+0.03	1.07
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australian Gold	17.22	18.31	+0.42	0.50
Pacific Basin	31.25	33.24	...	0.60
Canadian Gth	37.52	39.91	+0.66	...
Global Bond	30.853	30.983	-0.006	7.23
Penny Share	24.47	26.03	-0.11	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
Cty Reserve	52.87	52.87	...	5.40
Gilt Growth	65.75	69.46	-0.14	...
Gilt Income	51.46	53.55f	+0.09	7.75
Short Dtd Gilt	106.80	108.20	+0.10	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.714	$0.724	-0.000	...
Challenger	93.55	95.74	+1.45	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 Whitt Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	68.20	72.64	-0.05	1.98

Source: Finstat
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); f Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	12,000	Cadbury	1,500	MB Cardn	723	Scot Power	868
Abbey Natl	3,800	Carlton Cms	509	Marks Spr	4,100	Sears	1,800
Alld-Lyons	2,800	Coats Vly	2,600	NFC	2,300	Svrn Trent	841
Anglian W	974	Cm Union	644	NatWst Bk	6,500	Shell Trans	1,900
Argyll Gp	2,500	Courtaulds	103	Nat Power	1,400	Siebe	364
Arjo Wiggn	980	De La Rue	387	Nth Wst W	246	SmKl Bch	595
AB Foods	67	Enterpr Oil	471	Nthrn Fds	391	Smith Nph	889
BAA	1,900	Forte	3,700	P & O	452	Std Chartd	615
BAT Inds	3,900	GRE	955	Pearson	631	Sun Allnce	717
BOC	668	GUS A	290	PowerGen	737	TI Gp	186
BP	6,600	Gen Acc	1,700	Prudential	2,400	TSB	2,800
BT	4,900	Gen Elec	1,000	RMC	696	Tate & Lyle	1,900
BTR	2,800	Glaxo	1,100	RTZ	530	Tesco	2,700
Bk of Scot	2,900	Granada	1,600	Rank Org	1,200	Thames W	1,300
Barclays	3,500	Grand Met	6,700	Reckitt Col	983	Thm EMI	1,300
Bass	2,200	Guinness	2,500	Redland	3,200	Tomkins	1,200
Blue Circle	1,800	HSBC	3,200	Reed Intl	724	Unilever	962
Boots	2,800	Hanson	9,400	Rentokil	1,100	Utd Bisc	999
Bowater	1,100	ICI	2,800	Reuters	959	Vodafone	1,400
Brit Aero	1,200	Inchcape	607	Rothmans	1,300	Warburg (SG)	970
Brit Airwys	2,400	Kingfisher	440	Ryl Ins	1,100	Wellcome	4,600
Brit Gas	4,800	Ladbroke	2,200	Ryl Bk Scot	1,100	Whitbd 'A'	921
Brit Steel	19,000	Land Secs	1,100	Sainsbury	915	Wllms Hld	1,800
Burmah Cast	112	Legal & Gn	237	Scot Hydro	356	Wolseley	568
Cable Wire	2,000	Lloyds Bk	1,800	Scot & New	1,600	Zeneca	3,900

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3499.19 (+4.42)
S&P Composite .... 445.13 (+1.45)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 19212.43 (-592.11)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 7003.58 (-197.17)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 110.1 (-0.9)

Sydney: AO .... 1726.6 (-3.8)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1689.82 (-2.92)

FT 30 share: .... 2274.6 (+22.1)

Brussels:
General .... 6306.09 (+0.42)

Paris: CAC .... 520.91 (+0.39)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 519.20 (-0.90)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1431.49 (+9.06)
FT 500 .... 1552.37 (+10.85)
FT Gold Mines .... 186.5 (+5.7)
FT Fixed Interest .... 113.40 (+0.37)
FT Govt Secs .... 96.41 (+0.38)
Bargains 30592
SEAQ Volume 570.8m
USM (Datastrm) .... 139.59 (+0.32)

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
June 14	June 25	September 16	September 27

Call options were taken out on 21/6/93: Benson Group, Budgens, Division, Enterprise Comp, Greycoat, Heritage, Microvitec, Mid-States, Millwall, Phonelink, Ransomes Conv, Ratners, Tadpole.
Put: Ratners. Puts & Calls: Enterprise Comp, ML Laboratories.

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 38132)	Sep 93	2896.0	2933.0	2896.0	2930.0	11238
	Dec 93				2948.0	0
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 308730)	Sep 93	94.13	94.21	94.13	94.19	27348
	Dec 93	94.21	94.30	94.21	94.29	7599
	Mar 94	94.11	94.20	94.11	94.17	4604
Three Mth Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 12413)	Sep 93	96.50	96.51	96.50	96.50	251
	Dec 93	96.04	96.04	96.04	96.04	95
Three Mth Euro DM (Previous open interest: 534771)	Sep 93	93.34	93.39	93.30	93.32	52421
	Dec 93	93.94	93.97	93.89	93.94	21822
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 75884)	Jun 93	106-24	107-05	106-24	107-04	611
	Sep 93	105-23	106-13	105-23	106-06	45430
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	108.10	108.12	107.72	107.97	2668
	Dec 93				107.28	0
German Gov Bd Bund (Previous open interest: 162254)	Sep 93	95.37	95.47	95.12	95.30	79248
	Dec 93	95.37	95.54	95.35	95.42	153
German Gov Bd Bobl (Previous open interest: 17677)	Sep 93	99.34	99.48	99.22	99.35	4970
	Dec 93				99.56	0
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 20114)	Sep 93	93.48	93.53	93.47	93.52	1879
	Dec 93	93.85	93.92	93.85	93.92	1192
Euro Swiss Franc (Previous open interest: 34939)	Sep 93	95.48	95.52	95.43	95.52	7638
	Dec 93	95.71	95.75	95.70	95.75	1534
Italian Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 46338)	Sep 93	101.70	102.25	101.60	102.18	14015
	Dec 93	101.39	101.67	101.39	101.85	178

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 79.8 (day's range 79.5-79.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for June 21	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8104-2.8198	2.8147-2.8182	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Brussels	51.37-51.61	51.54-51.60	3-7ds	10-17ds
Copenhagen	9.5700-9.6410	9.6080-9.6270	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Dublin	1.0241-1.0312	1.0290-1.0312	9-13ds	25-34ds
Frankfurt	2.5047-2.5151	2.5118-2.5151	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Lisbon	237.92-238.92	238.45-238.92	123-135ds	370-398ds
Madrid	191.18-192.37	192.09-192.37	75-100ds	220-262ds
Milan	2269.60-2279.70	2272.10-2278.20	7-9ds	22-25ds
Montreal	1.8877-1.8965	1.8944-1.8965	0.46-0.34pr	0.84-0.72pr
New York	1.4815-1.4895	1.4885-1.4895	0.34-0.31pr	0.94-0.92pr
Oslo	10.5550-10.6330	10.5950-10.6180	[illegible]pr	[illegible]ds
Paris	8.4000-8.4480	8.4240-8.4390	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Stockholm	11.1700-11.2700	11.2260-11.2490	2-3½ds	[illegible]ds
Tokyo	164.05-165.54	165.14-165.43	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Vienna	17.60-17.70	17.66-17.70	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Zurich	2.2277-2.2380	2.2349-2.2380	¼pr-par	[illegible]pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4839-1.4865
Australia dollar	2.1638-2.1670
Bahrain dinar	0.5535-0.5655
Brazil cruzeiro*	74088.1-74190.7
Cyprus pound	0.735-0.745
Finland marka	8.3695-8.4855
Greece drachma	337.0-344.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.5004-11.5097
India rupee	46.18-47.14
Kuwait dinar KD	0.443-0.453
Malaysia ringgit	3.8533-3.8620
Mexico peso	4.57-4.67
New Zealand dollar	2.7425-2.7495
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.502-5.628
Singapore dollar	2.4377-2.4424
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9498-7.0991
S Africa rand (com)	4.8750-4.8816
U A E dirham	5.3855-5.5095

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4566-1.4577
Austria	11.88-11.89
Belgium (Com)	34.67-34.68
Canada	1.2735-1.2740
Denmark	6.471-6.481
France	5.670-5.675
Germany	1.689-1.690
Hong Kong	7.7392-7.7402
Ireland	1.4445-1.4465
Italy	1529.0-1532.0
Japan	111.05-111.15
Malaysia	2.594-2.598
Netherlands	1.894-1.895
Norway	7.138-7.148
Portugal	160.2-160.4
Singapore	1.6405-1.6425
Spain	129.05-129.15
Sweden	7.566-7.576
Switzerland	1.4995-1.5005

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 6 Week fixed: 5[illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5[illegible]; 3 mth 5[illegible]. Sell: 2 mth 5[illegible]; 3 mth: 5[illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 5[illegible], close 6.

Local Authority Deps	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs	3.08-3.05	n/a	3.18-3.15	3.33-3.30	3.06-3.03
Building Society CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: May 28, 1993 Agreed rates June 23, 1993 to July 25, 1993 Scheme III: 7.30%. Reference rate May 1, 1993 to May 28, 1993. Scheme IV & V: 6.039%.

EUROCURRENCY MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]-7	[illegible]
Swiss Franc	[illegible]-5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8-7
Yen	[illegible]	[illegible]-3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD & PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $369.75-370.25 Close: $370.30-370.80 High: $371.25-371.75 Low: $368.70-369.20 Krugerrand: $369.00-371.00 (£247.00-249.00)
Sovereigns: Old $86.50-88.50 (£57.00-59.00) New $86.50-88.50 (£57.00-59.00)
Platinum: $378.35 (£255.05). Silver: $4.31 (£2.90) - Palladium: $128.00 (£86.30)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon	500	46½	62	65½	3½	11½	18½
(*538)	550	14	31	39	23	32	40½
Argyll	330	10	23	29	14	20½	27
(*326)	360	3	11	17	37	41	46
ASDA	67	9½	13½	-	1½	3½	-
(*74½)	76	5	8	-	4	8	-
Boots	420	28	43	48	5½	14	19
(*441½)	460	6	21	28	26	33	40
Br Airways	287	21	31½	36½	6½	13½	19
(*301)	306	5½	17½	22	22½	28½	34
BP	300	21	23	33½	4½	12	16½
(*312½)	330	5½	14	19½	20	28	31½
Br Steel	100	5	-	-	7	-	-
(*98)	110	2	-	-	14½	-	-
C & W	700	62½	76	57½	6	17½	26½
(*754)	750	22	45	58½	24	38	48½
CU	580	37	48½	-	7½	21	-
(*607½)	629	10½	22½	-	32	48	-
ICI	681	34	47	63½	13	30½	39
(*701)	750	5½	17	33	57	74	81
Kingfishr	584	25	43	-	13	28	-
(*594½)	632	6	21	-	45	55	-
Land Sec	550	43	55	61	3	9½	16½
(*586½)	600	8	25	29	21	29	38
M & S	330	17½	27	33½	7	12½	17½
(*340)	360	4½	13½	19	25½	29½	33½
Nat West	460	26½	37	48	9½	18	25
(*474½)	500	7½	17½	29½	32½	45	50
Sainsbury	460	34	47	55	6	15	22
(*484½)	500	10	26	35	25	34	41
Shell	600	41	50	58½	4	14½	19½
(*633)	650	9½	21½	33	25	39	44½
Smkl Bch	420	36½	50½	59½	6½	18	25½
(*447)	460	13	28½	39	24½	36½	45½
Storehse	200	13½	20½	26½	6	11½	16
(*209)	220	4	11	17	18	23	27
Trafalgar	101	6½	13	-	5	8	-
(*103)	110	3½	8½	12½	10½	13½	17
Unilever	1000	58	83½	96	7½	19½	28½
(*1045)	1050	23½	51½	67	26½	41½	51
Zeneca	600	35	50½	65	12	32	39
(*617½)	650	11	27	43	39½	61	68
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Feb**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Feb**
Grnd Met	390	42	48½	57	3	9	18½
(*426½)	420	18	29	40	12½	22	32
Ladbroke	180	12	20½	25	7½	17½	22½
(*184)	200	4	11½	16½	21½	30½	35
Utd Bisc	390	29½	42½	51½	9	18½	28½
(*408½)	420	13	27	37½	24	33½	43

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Jan
BAA	700	38	58	63½	12	22½	29
(*722)	750	12½	32½	37½	39½	48½	54½
Thames W	420	54	63	64	1½	7	8½
(*469½)	460	21½	33	36	9½	19½	23
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
BAT Ind	425	18½	27	36	14½	28	32
(*428)	450	8	16½	26	27	43	48½
BTR	330	42	46	49½	1½	5½	7½
(*366)	360	15	24	29½	7	16	18
Br Aero	390	42	62	74	15	30	35
(*413)	420	25	47	60	30	45½	54½
Br Telecom	420	21	27	30	9½	21	27
(*432)	460	5	11½	14½	34½	46½	51½
Cadbury	420	40½	50½	59½	4½	13	16
(*454)	460	14½	26½	36	20½	30½	34½
Guinness	460	35½	49	59½	7	17½	23
(*485)	500	14	27½	38	26	36½	42½
GEC	330	18	24½	29	9	14	18
(*342)	360	4	10½	15½	29	32	35
Hanson	220	14½	19½	22½	4½	9½	13
(*229)	240	4½	10	13½	15	20½	24
LASMO	140	23½	30	34½	3½	8½	12
(*158½)	160	10½	18½	24	10½	18	21
Lucas	130	11	16	19	7½	14	16
(*131)	140	5½	12	15	13	22	22
Pilkingtn	120	11½	17	18	5	8	10
(*125½)	130	6	11½	13	9	13	15
Prudential	300	36½	40	47½	2½	7	10½
(*334½)	330	14	23	29½	11	19	23
Redland	420	39½	51½	57½	6½	22	27
(*445)	460	15½	30	37½	25½	42	47
Royal Ins	269	26	34	41	4½	11	14
(*283½)	288	14	24	30	12	17	23
Tesco	200	23	30	34	4	9½	12
(*217)	220	9½	19	23	12	18	22
Vodafone	420	43	58	65½	7	16½	21
(*452)	460	18	35	43	24	34	39
Williams	300	30½	36½	42	4	11½	14½
(*321½)	330	11½	19	26	15½	26½	30

FT-SE INDEX (*2902)

	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000
Calls						
Jul	168	125	82	44	21	8½
Aug	181	140	104	70	47	28
Sep	196	157	120	92	67	47
Oct	204	167	134	105	82	60
Dec	-	210	-	147	-	98
Puts						
Jul	4½	8	13½	30	61	108
Aug	14	21	33	51	78	110
Sep	20	30	49	68	94	124
Oct	27	41	57	78	105	134
Dec	-	66	-	102	-	153

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abby Nat	390	32½	44	51½	11	16	21½
(*412)	420	16½	27	35	25½	30½	35
Amstrad	30	6	7½	8	2	2½	3
(*34)	35	3	4½	6	4	5	5½
Barclays	460	26½	39	48½	23	29½	35½
(*464)	500	11	22½	30½	49	54½	59½
Blue Circ	240	30½	35½	41	6	12½	15½
(*261½)	260	18	24½	30	14½	22	25½
Br Gas	300	19½	24	28	9	17	19
(*307)	330	6½	10½	15	27½	35	36½
Dixons	200	26	33	38	9	14	17
(*221)	220	16	23	27	17	24	29
Forte	200	34½	39½	44	4½	9½	13
(*225)	220	20½	25	33	11½	18	22
Hillsdwn	130	15½	19½	23	7	12	14
(*136½)	140	10½	14½	18	11	17	19
Lonrho	100	20	24	26	4	7	9½
(*115½)	110	14	18½	-	8	11	14
Sears	90	13	15	17	2	3½	5
(*100½)	100	6	9	11	4½	7½	9
Thm Emi	850	83½	90	96	14	21	30
(*919½)	900	43	56½	65	34	42	52
Tomkins	220	24½	30	34	6½	9½	13½
(*231)	240	12	19½	24	16	19	23
TSB	180	21	27½	30	5½	9	12½
(*197)	200	10	16	18	15	19	22½
Wellcome	700	45	62½	76½	38	58½	65½
(*705)	750	24	42½	56	70½	90	96½
Series		**Sep**	**Dec**	**Apr**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Apr**
Glaxo	550	71½	81½	94	14	30	42
(*598)	600	41½	54	67½	33	55	65½
HSBC	600	66	83	99	16	28	43
(*647½)	650	36	56	72	38	51	66
Reuter	1300	96	133	165	40	59	85
(*1346½)	1350	66½	106	138	64½	84	107
Series		**Sep**	**Dec**	**Feb**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Feb**
R-Royce	140	16½	21	23½	5	11	11½
(*147)	160	7	12	15½	18½	25	27
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Dec**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Dec**
Fisons	160	21	29½	32	4½	11	14½
(*177)	180	9½	20	22½	13½	21	24
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
Eastrn Elc	460	17	25½	33	19	26½	33
(*465½)	500	3	13	17	51	54½	58½
Series		**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Natl Pwr	360	24	35	40	12½	18½	23
(*368½)	390	10½	20½	26	29½	33½	38½
Scot Pwr	310	22	26	-	9½	12½	-
(*326)	330	9	16½	19½	20½	24	27½

June 21, 1993 Tot: 24573 Call: 13070 Put: 11503 FT-SE Call: 3245 Put: 3459
*Underlying security price.

GNI REPORT: Cocoa continues to benefit from technical buying, and there is a little concern that the current tight supply situation could lead to a further rise in prices. Certainly the recent activity in the forward spreads would indicate that there is a fundamental bias behind this move, and a further upward move could lead to panic short covering by manufacturers and fund shorts.

LONDON FOX COCOA

Jul	717-716	Sep	783-780
Sep	726-725	Dec	805-800
Dec	731-730	Mar	828-824
Mar	742-740	May	838-836
May	757-754		
Jul	768-767		Volume: 9021

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	902-900	Mar	925-920
Sep	988-977	May	947-935
Nov	922-920	Jul	960-940
Jan	922-921		Volume: 1674

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	-
May	unq	May	-
Aug	-	Aug	-
Oct	-		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	274.0-72.7
Spot: 276.8		May	277.8-76.5
Aug	280.5-79.8	Aug	282.7-79.0
Oct	273.5-72.0	Oct	276.0-73.0
Dec	274.0-72.2		Volume: 485

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on June 21

(p/kg lw)	Pigs	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	88.10	115.15	141.39
(+/-)	+0.71	+4.31	-2.61
Eng/Wales:	87.91	115.18	140.79
(+/-)	+0.70	+4.45	-2.83
(%)	-30.6	-9.5	-32.6
Scotland:	92.09	114.87	145.94
(+/-)	-0.02	+2.36	-0.94
(%)	-12.8	+22.3	-32.2

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Jun	unq	unq	Mar	104.0	104.0
Jul	unq	unq			Volume: 2

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Jun	133.75
Sep	106.50
Nov	108.25
Jan	111.30
Mar	113.25
	Volume: 53

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	104.60
Nov	107.50
Jan	110.00
Mar	112.05
May	113.40
	Volume: 9

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	152.00
Oct	152.00
Dec	154.00
Feb	155.00
Apr	152.00
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	52.0
Apr	89.0	85.5
May	unq	92.5
		Volume: 178

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Jul 58.75-59.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Crude levels showed some modest gains on the perception that wet crude was getting tighter.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.30	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Jul)	17.40	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Aug)	17.65	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	18.80	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	19.10	+0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	197 (n/c)	200 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	162 (-1)	163 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Jul	164 (n/c)	164 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Aug	166 (n/c)	167 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	57 (n/c)	59 (n/c)
Naphtha	173 (n/c)	174 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Jul	163.00-63.25	Oct	171.00-71.25
Aug	165.00-65.50	Nov	173.25-73.75
Sep	167.50-67.75	Dec	175.75-76.00
			Vol: 7946

BRENT (6.00pm)

Aug	17.59-17.61	Nov	18.15-18.19
Sep	17.79-17.83	Dec	n/a
Oct	17.99-18.04		Vol: 14131

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Jul	189.00-91.00	Oct	n/a
Aug	189.00-90.00	Nov	n/a
Sep	n/a		Vol: 90

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jun 93	1490	1485	1490
Jul 93	1370	1365	1370
Aug 93	1365	1365	1365
Oct 93	1425	1425	1426

Vol: 317 lots. Open int'st: 3488 Index 1518 -4

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1275.5-1276.0	1287.5-1288.0	1049150
Lead (£/tonne)	265.00-265.25	274.50-274.75	46450
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	938.00-938.50	957.00-957.50	290550
Tin ($/tonne)	5160.0-5170.0	5225.0-5230.0	10955
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1182.0-1182.5	1204.5-1205.0	1281200
Nickel ($/tonne)	5575.0-5585.0	5640.0-5645.0	25362

Solid start to account

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began yesterday. Dealings end July 2. §Contango day July 5. Settlement day July 12. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
421	345	Abbey Nat	412	-3	11.5	3.5	15.9
258	179	Allied Irish	251	+1	...	4.5	12.8
176	130	Aus New Z	168	+3½	...	5.4	...
3806¼	2712½	BankAmerica	2881¼	-25	...	...	...
250	188	Bk of Ireland	243	+2	...	3.5	...
325	325	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	6.5	...
151	116½	Bank Scotland	149	-1	4.5	3.8	20.7
470	362	Barclays	464	...	...	4.1	...
3½	2	Benchmark	3	...	...	...	...
52	31	Brown Shipley	35	...	...	...	...
21	15½	Cattle's	20	+1½	...	...	...
513	395	Cater Allen	483	-4	27.0	7.0	...
130	85	Cattles	129	...	...	4.1	17.2
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	2000	+6½	...	...	...
2063½	1343½	Citicorp	1802¼	+18½	...	...	...
370	250	Close Bros	355	...	...	3.4	15.8
£125½	9275	Commerzbk	£121½	+6½	...	3.2	...
£304½	2250½	Deutsche Bk	£274½	...	...	2.3	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	77	...	...	...	...
1443	876	Fuji Bank Y	1323	-48	...	0.4	...
465	343	Gerrard Nat	419	...	21.5	6.4	11.1
657	490	HSBC	648	+3	19.0	3.7	15.5
642	474	HSBC HK	628	+2	16.0	3.8	25.0
356	243	Hambros	353	...	...	5.3	15.0
369	313	Joseph (L)	338	...	15.8	5.5	...
155	96	King Shaxson	124	...	9.0	8.4	...
420	312	Kleinwort Ben	406	...	16.0	4.9	14.1
582	492	Lloyds	582	+2	18.6	4.0	16.6
87	65	Lon Scot Bk	83	+1½	3.0	4.5	16.5
451½	322	Nat Aust Bk	450	+9	...	4.5	15.6
480	398	Nat West	475	+2½	17.5	4.6	28.9
397	290	Provident	391	-3	11.4	3.6	16.9
47	39	Rea Bros	43	...	0.5	1.5	45.7
292	207	Ryl Bk Scot	285	+3	8.8	3.0	...
987½	497½	Schroders	951	+5	...	1.4	19.0
797	576	Stand Chart	795	+5	20.0	3.1	...
198	145½	TSB	197	+2	6.4	4.1	...
150	78	Union Disc	145	-1	...	...	...
741	539	Warburg SG	733	+1	...	3.2	18.5
252	185	-do- 6% 'A'	252	...	...	3.0	...
7850	4843½	Wells Fargo	6787½	+100½	...	1.5	...
171	122	Westpac	171	+5	...	4.4	...
250	188	Wintrust	240	...	9.3	5.0	...

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	539	+5	...	4.9	14.6
647	444	Bass	488	-3	18.0	4.8	10.6
273	189	Boddington	273	+2	7.3	3.3	15.9
415	362	Bulmer (HP)	374	+2	9.0	3.0	17.2
159	129	Burtonwood Brw	137	...	4.4	4.1	10.0
307	261	Devenish (JA)	282	+½	7.8	3.5	15.9
102	75	Eldridge P 'A'	100	...	...	4.1	26.1
68½	50	Fosters Brewing	51	+1	...	5.3	7.1
390	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	373	-7	...	2.2	15.2
480	383	Grand Met	426	+12	12.3	3.7	13.9
427	380	Greenalls Grp	383	+1	11.7	3.8	12.7
563	505	Greene King	532	-1	11.6	2.7	13.8
516	440	Guinness	483	+1	...	3.1	17.3
281	230	Hardy Hanson	230	...	7.9	4.3	12.8
125	105	Heavitree	120	...	3.0	3.6	23.2
95	78	-do- 'A' LV	82	...	3.0	4.6	19.6
329	265	Highland Distl	324	...	6.0	2.3	21.5
3125	2538	Holt J	2975	+25	41.0	1.7	19.4
58	33	Hoskins Brew	56	...	...	...	40.3
323	250	Invergordn Dist	283	+6	7.0	3.1	...
186	157	Macallan-Glen	170	...	0.9	0.7	38.2
465	375	Marstn Marsn 'A'	380	...	...	2.9	18.1
835	655	Mansfield	835	+10	15.4	2.3	...
256	211	Mrstn Thmp	255	+7	5.4	2.7	...
435	357	Matthew Clark	430	...	...	5.3	...
300	253	Mrydwn W	288	+3	...	2.7	20.8
540	455	Morland	540	...	8.4	1.9	21.5
12	6½	Paramount	8½	...	...	2.1	15.5
165	145	Regent Inns	160	...	...	3.5	16.0
950	753	SA Breweries	923	+16	...	3.0	...
482½	408	Scot & New	465	+3	16.1	4.3	12.7
223	181	Taunton Cider	213	...	...	2.8	19.8
248	213	Vaux Group	222	-2	9.3	5.3	15.3
301	225	Wetherspoon JD	291	...	...	2.1	23.5
507	435	Whitbread 'A'	498	+6	...	4.5	12.5
1180	850	-do- 'B'	970	...	...	2.3	24.3
613	498	Wolvrhmptn D	510	+1	11.4	2.8	14.3
515	475	Young 'A'	478	...	14.5	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	113	...	...	1.2	40.8
27	13	Albrighton	21	...	...	...	...
110	87	Allen	110	+3	...	3.9	...
99	65	Amec	87	...	3.0	4.3	16.1
9½	4	Anglia Sec	6½	...	...	...	...
216	155	Ashtead	215	...	4.1	2.4	26.7
142	108	Atwoods	119	+2	5.0	5.3	17.2
240	180	BPB Ind	229	-4	...	4.1	58.3
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	77	-1½	3.1	5.1	25.9
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	27	...	0.5	...	...
105	74	Barcom	95	...	1.2	1.6	17.2
149	94	Barratt Devs	144	-1	2.0	1.7	16.0
412	305	Bellway	407	...	...	3.7	23.6
32	15	Bellwinch	28	...	...	...	...
423	295½	Berkeley Gp	392	+2	...	1.9	27.0
88	45	Betr Bros	83	...	...	0.8	3.4
63	36	Blockleys	59	...	1.0	2.1	65.2
266	189	Blue Circle	262	+5	...	5.4	...
295	230	Boot (Henry)	282	...	5.9	2.6	15.8
106	78	Breedon PLC	91	-1	4.6	6.3	22.0
121	82	Br Dredging	112	...	5.2	5.8	24.9
83	45	Brit Fittings	78	...	1.5	2.4	...
151	99	Bryant	139	-1	4.8	4.3	20.7
81	53	CALA	80	...	2.3	...	...
284	205	CRH	267	-1	...	3.5	17.0
43	22	Cakebread Rby	34	...	...	...	...
48	23	Costain	45	+½	...	...	...
137½	80½	Countryside	135	...	...	3.8	35.3
70	38	Crest Nicholson	68	+2	0.0	...	...
94	28	Cussins	83	...	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dunton	1½	...	...	...	...
25	16½	Edmond Hldgs	20	...	0.5	3.1	...
280	178	Egwin	259	...	6.8	3.3	21.9
51	32	Erith	49	...	0.3	0.9	...
380	252	Eve Group	377	...	...	3.2	13.7
59	34	Evered Bardon	56	+2	2.0	4.5	26.3
6½	3	Explaura	3½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp	136	...	...	4.6	21.6
50	38	Galliford	42	...	4.3	...	16.9
78	53	Gibbs & Dandy	55	+2	...	...	...
883	695	Gleeson (MJ)	878	...	12.7	1.8	14.2
125½	90	Hewden-Stuart	119½	...	...	3.4	27.2
51	28	Hewetson	49	...	1.6	...	48.8
293	185	Heywd Wms	282	...	12.5	5.4	...
106	37	Higgs & Hill	99	...	2.5	3.2	...
35	27	How Gp	32	...	...	6.7	...
19	15	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
70	39	Ibstock Johnsen	68	...	1.0	1.8	...
18½	12½	Jarvis	17	...	...	...	...
278	196	Laing (J)	262	...	9.0	4.3	10.5
83	35	Ln Clydesdale	76	...	4.5	7.4	28.6
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	21	-½	...	...	9.5
317	240	Manders	316	...	9.0	3.6	19.4
143	93	Marley	135	-1	4.2	3.9	39.6
93	61	Marshalls	93	+1	4.0	5.5	...
175	122	Maunders (J)	175	...	4.9	3.5	16.0
214	96	McAlpine (A)	207	...	6.5	3.9	35.8
42	23	McCarthy & S	35	...	0.5	...	...
368	272	Meyer Int	351	-2	10.0	3.6	...
4	4	Miskin Gp	4	...	...	...	...
129	62	Mowlem (J)	107	-1	4.0	4.7	...
78	52	NSM	72	-2	...	...	...
53	48	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
160	106	Newman Tnks	150	...	...	6.6	20.0
300	197	Persimmon	296	+2	8.6	4.2	26.1
31	20	Phoenix Timber	26	...	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1412½	...	29.0	2.6	8.6
146	80	Prowting	128	...	5.4	3.3	...
6½	3½	Quillgold	4½	...	...	...	...
780	535	RMC Gp	761	-13	...	3.5	29.9
117	90	Raine Ind	91	-1	0.0	8.2	15.2
36	20	Ransom	22	+1	...	...	...
519	402	Redland	445	-12	25.0	7.0	25.9
75	64	Ruskel	72	...	4.3	7.5	10.6
296	207	Rugby Group	273	...	6.4	2.9	21.7
42	23	Svfld-Rvea	42	...	...	...	...
113	68	Sharpe & Fisher	113	...	...	4.4	19.6
172	86½	Sheffield Insl	165	...	...	4.1	40.5
120	82	Sheriff Hldgs	120	...	...	2.1	17.2
95	66	Shorco	73	...	...	8.9	16.6
228	197	Smart (J)	197	...	8.5	5.4	9.0
6½	4½	Stannin	4½	-½	0.3	8.3	...
142	103	Tarmac	130½	-2½	5.5	5.3	...
194	137	Tay Homes	180	...	5.8	4.1	11.5
118	63	Taylor Woodrw	108	+1	1.0	1.2	...
590	433	Tilbury Dougls	590	+5	33.0	7.0	...
39	19	Tomx Hires	36	...	...	1.4	...
222	168	Travis Perkins	224	...	8.0	4.5	39.4
40	30	Try Group	35	-1	1.0	3.6	9.9
28	26	Tudor	28	...	...	1.1	...
74	41	Vibroplant	66	...	3.6	6.8	12.1
65	20	Ward Hldgs	47	+1	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	28	...	...	...	...
475	300	Watts Blake	425	...	10.7	3.1	18.3
26	8	Wescol	26	...	...	...	...
152	90	Westbury	133	...	5.0	4.7	20.8
12	4½	West Scaffolds	8½	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	423	...	8.7	2.6	29.0
205	147	Wilson (C)	186	-1	3.9	2.6	32.2
193	107	Wimpey G	184	-7	5.2	4.1	...
47	25	YJM	42	...	4.0	...	4.8

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	590	+5	...	...	...
228	198	Adam & Harvey	213	...	11.0	6.5	3.3
92	56	Air London	65	...	...	6.7	8.0
54	37	African Lakes	53	...	2.0	4.7	...
178	125	Asim Sec	162	...	...	4.1	29.0
116	84	BET Ord	115	+1½	3.5	3.5	...
93	41	BNB Res	91	...	4.9	6.7	...
318	258	BPP	290	...	8.0	3.4	16.0
285	235	Barbour Index	245	...	7.2	3.7	18.2
22	15	Boustead	19	...	0.7	4.6	...
243	184	Brit Data Mgt	243	...	...	2.1	20.3
21	11	Broadcastle	21	...	...	...	16.7
73	54	Brooks Service	68	...	...	...	...
104	86	CRT Gp	100	+2	2.4	3.0	11.5
178	139½	Capita Group	173	...	...	1.5	22.0
43½	31	Cashet Plc	42½	...	...	2.4	16.1
55	40	Chiltern Capital	51	+2	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	41	...	...	...	...
314	228	Chubb Sec	312	+7½	...	1.9	20.8
81	18	Contact	75	+4	...	2.5	18.7
30	6½	Corp Services	26	...	...	...	...
93	50	Dart	91	...	3.5	4.7	...
231	198	Davis Service	227	+1	...	4.4	17.1
104	85	EW Facts	91	...	4.3	5.9	10.4
28	11	Gardiner	23½	+½	0.6	3.5	16.3
44	20	Gardiner (DC)	42	...	...	...	...
246	215	Hays	220	+2	4.6	2.6	21.7
220	174	Hogg Robinsn	196	-4	6.3	4.0	14.7
70	44	Holmes Protectn	44	...	...	...	2.9
189	127	Hutch Whamp	178	-2	...	2.7	...
1950	975	ISS B DKr	1937½	...	...	5.8	2.4
637	532	Inchcape	585	+2	...	2.9	20.3
863	669	Johnson Clean	830	+1	23.7	3.9	...
12	2½	Lep	9	+½	...	...	...
244	173	Mike Gp	225	...	...	2.7	1.5
1187	890	Manpower	981	...	...	...	...
48	40½	Michael Page	43	...	...	1.8	4.7
279	195	Pernua	196	-9	...	6.4	7.3
4½	2	Prime People	3	...	...	...	...
142	80	Proudfoot Alex	89	...	...	10.9	4.9
423	373	RCO	375	...	12.8	4.7	12.7
118	101	REA	101	-3	4.0	5.0	...
103	43	Reed Executive	102	...	...	...	...
156	113	Reliance Sec	153	...	...	4.2	13.4
238	178	Rentokil	192	+4	2.3	1.5	23.9
282	240	Rolfe & Nolan	277	-½	7.2	3.2	...
399	342	Salvesen (C)	348	+3	...	2.8	18.8
36	29	Scott Pickford	29	...	...	3.4	8.0
309	164	Securiguard	308	-1	9.4	3.8	16.3
6½	5	Select Appa	6	...	...	...	...
988	695	Serco Gp	940	...	14.0	1.9	26.0
352	265	Sherwd Cmpa	345	...	...	3.6	...
130	98	Streehley	95	...	...	3.9	21.7
385	310	Warner Howrd	317	...	6.5	2.6	16.5
45	27	Webpac	37	+1	...	...	...
26	14	Wills Gp	22	...	...	0.6	30.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	227	+2	...	2.4	19.4
783	613	Amersham	775	+18½	13.3	2.2	...
7	3	Anglo Utd	3	...	...	...	...
£101½	8325	BASF DM	9450	+87½	...	7.3	...
259	199	BTP	257	...	...	4.5	20.9
£119	£101½	Bayer DM30	£108½	+109½	...	5.3	...
178	134	Blagden	163	...	9.5	7.3	17.5
165	93	Brent Chems	107	...	...	8.6	9.8
530	380	Br Bio-Tech	383	-1	...	...	...
39	15	Calrd Gp	15½	+½	1.3	10.7	...
153	126	Canning (W)	139	...	7.2	6.6	15.9
608	504	Courtaulds	551	+5	...	3.2	14.7
290	228	Croda	288	...	...	3.4	18.8
149	121	Doeflex	140	...	4.6	4.1	10.7
210	175	Ellis & Everard	210	+2	7.0	4.2	19.1
33½	15½	Euro Colour	32¼	+1	0.8	3.1	19.9
297	259	Halstead (J)	297	+5	...	1.5	14.9
241	194	Hickson	227	...	...	4.4	21.0
£114½	8850	Hoechst	9900	+125	...	3.8	...

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
225	185	Holliday Chem	219	...	...	2.1	20.3
710	608	ICI	701	+4	...	4.3	...
688	581	Laporte	640	+1	18.5	3.8	17.7
223	181	Leigh	205	+5	7.8	4.9	...
15½	7	MTM	12½	...	...	...	...
1750	1482½	Norsk Hydro	1680	...	...	1.7	25.6
450	370	Parsons Zoch	447	...	11.4	3.2	18.3
400	360	-do- 'A'	398	...	11.4	3.6	17.2
286	239	Plysu	233	-1	2.0	3.8	...
215	173	Porvair	215	...	3.6	2.1	23.0
13½	7½	Sutcliffe Speak	11	...	...	...	...
455	425	Wardle Storeys	430	...	16.0	4.7	17.3
490	385	Wolstnhlme R	465	...	17.0	4.6	15.8
401	355	Yorks Chem	356	+1	...	2.7	19.3
306	240	Yule Catto	265	+2	5.9	2.8	16.1
697	609	Zeneca	618	-4	...	5.6	36.5

(The rows above close the Chemicals, Plastics listing; the Drapery, Stores section follows.)

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	43	Alexon	78	...	3.0	4.8	...
87	42	Amber Day	64	...	3.1	6.1	17.5
330	257	Argos Plc	320	+8	...	2.7	27.3
118	60	Ashley (Laura)	115	...	0.1	0.1	...
305	278	Asprey	288	-1	...	2.1	23.4
134	96	Austin Reed	133	...	...	2.3	...
159	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	145	-1	...	5.2	14.6
121	94	Bentalls	100	...	1.9	2.4	...
276	208	Betterware	244	+4	...	1.0	20.2
35	22	Blacks Leis	35	+1	2.2	8.4	...
227	133	Body Shop	189	-1	...	1.1	34.4
16	12	Brown & Jacksn	14½	...	...	0.7	...
401	318	Brown (N)	379	...	...	2.3	22.3
87½	64½	Burton	86	+½	...	2.9	...
145	126	Camorn	143	...	...	2.3	19.0
358	295	Church	355	...	12.5	4.4	31.6
183	97	Clinton Cards	138	-1	4.2	3.8	16.6
247	212	Coats Viyella	239	+1½	...	3.8	28.1
106	78	Colourvision	96	...	...	...	16.2
519	394	Courts Furnish	518	...	5.0	1.2	26.0
158	115	Crown Sync	137	...	...	5.5	6.4
115	89	Dairy Farm Intl	109	...	...	2.1	12.3
72	51½	Dewhirst (I)	72	...	1.0	1.7	23.1
281	194½	Dixons Grp	221	+3	6.0	3.4	26.0
405	320	Dunhill	343	+4½	8.1	3.0	...
21	12½	ERA Gp	16	...	...	...	...
530	400	Etys (Wimbldn)	460	...	16.0	4.3	15.4
115	71	Emex Furn	101	...	...	3.4	17.1
249	205	Etam	246	...	6.9	3.5	22.7
564	499	Fine Art Dev	564	+2	12.7	2.8	18.4
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
500	408	Forminster	408	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
36	24	French Conn	36	+4	...	...	...
48	21	Gabbicci	40	...	2.0	...	4.9
45	43	Gent SR	60	+1	2.0	4.2	17.6
55	23	Goldsmiths Gp	54	...	0.3	0.7	...
3080	2400	GUS	3038	...	40.0	1.6	24.2
1730	1503	-do- 'A'	1720	+9	40.0	2.9	13.8
40	31	Hampden Grp	31	...	...	4.0	15.4
277	30	Hardone	39	...	4.8	15.6	2.4
25½	20	Helene Plc	23½	...	2.0	10.7	11.1
60	39	Heritage	55	...	...	...	...
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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
63	35	Honeycombe	58	...	...	2.2	7.9
93	63	Jacques Vert	82	...	2.0	...	...
619	496	Kingfisher	595	+3	...	2.9	19.5
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	66	...	4.0	7.6	13.6
685	495	Liberty	640	...	7.2	1.4	75.4
320	265	Lloyds Chem	299	+4	5.5	2.3	11.7
152	120	MFI	157	-½	...	1.4	18.3
365	311	Marks Spencer	340	+4	...	3.0	18.7
505	445	Menzies (John)	490	...	10.0	2.6	16.3
186	135	Moss Bros	187	...	5.5	3.7	...
179½	139½	Next	169	-2	2.5	1.8	20.2
40	15	Oliver (G)	35	...	...	...	...
267	197	Ortiflame Intl	267	...	...	4.6	...
63	45	Pentos	53	...	1.5	3.5	11.0
313	255	QS Hldgs	282	...	5.1	2.3	28.8
41½	11	Ratners Group	36	+½	2.4	8.3	...
35	20½	Rhino Grp	31	...	...	...	...
181	137	Sherwood Gp	181	+2	...	1.8	16.3
108	93	Sears	100½	+2	...	4.4	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	434	+5	13.4	3.9	15.3
15	4½	Speciaieyes	12	...	...	...	...
219	176	Storehouse	209	+2	...	3.8	26.6
191	148	T & S Stores	164	...	5.9	4.5	12.2
133	71	Tie Rack	125	...	1.0	1.0	20.5
220	180	Time Products	215	+1	7.5	4.4	18.6
100	63	Usher (Frank)	98	...	...	6.4	7.7
45	27	Vivat	38	-1	1.0	3.6	10.8
40	35	Wearwell	38	...	...	6.3	...
120	78	Wickes	115	+2	...	...	51.0
75	45	Wid of Leather	75	...	...	...	...
198	146	Wyevale	180	...	...	2.8	...
4	2½	Xtra-vision	3	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	143	ACT Group	155	+4½	5.0	4.0	...
240	223	Acale	233	-1	...	3.4	...
102½	38	Acorn Compu	101	+1	...	...	51.2
480	385	Admiral	444	...	5.4	1.5	18.8
132	104	Alba	130	...	4.7	4.6	17.1
48	19½	Alphameric	41	...	...	...	...
38½	22	Amstrad	34	...	0.4	...	...
88	73	App Holo	80	...	...	...	...
23	13	Arlen	23	...	...	...	...
61½	35½	Astec	61½	+2	...	...	1.0
283	250	Beales Hunter	265	...	9.2	4.4	14.0
9	3½	Bemex & Pours	5½	...	...	...	...
405½	319	BICC	385	+2	19.2	6.3	26.1
575	450	Blick	450	-5	9.2	2.6	17.5
1700	1150	Borland	1600	...	...	...	...
333	274	Bowthorpe	329	...	6.3	2.4	...
445½	376	BT	432	+4	...	4.6	19.9
13	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	9½	+½	0.1	1.4	...
160	110	Bunzlfeld	156	...	5.7	4.6	24.7
760	660	Cable Wireless	754	+6	11.2	2.2	23.3
21½	11½	Chloride	16	+1½	...	...	...
258	229	CML Micro	253	-½	...	2.3	...
115	74	Comptr People	115	...	0.6	0.7	...
158	108½	Cray Elect	151	+1	...	0.4	13.3
378	243	Critchley	373	-5	...	2.1	...
119	86	Dale	105	...	5.1	6.1	10.2
548	414	Delta	548	...	...	3.3	21.9
313	235	Demmont Hld	312	-1	...	2.4	13.3
620	460	Domino	609	-2	7.2	1.5	15.8
65	48	Dowding Mills	59	...	2.5	5.1	19.4
1040	865	Druck	988	...	...	1.2	24.1
411	358	Electrocomponents	406	...	...	2.5	18.5
580	470	El Data Pro	580	+25	5.1	1.1	25.0
91	43	Electron House	88	+5	2.3	3.3	26.5
30½	10½	Emess	27½	...	0.1	0.5	...
595	442	Eurotherm	595	...	8.0	1.7	27.1
147	126	EKI	140	+2	3.0	2.7	...
405	340	Farnell Elect	405	+1	...	1.9	21.4
51	33	Feedback	43	...	...	...	...
18	9½	Ferrand	13½	...	...	...	...
208	101	First Tech	203	...	...	...	...
236	81	Forward Gp	222	...	...	1.9	20.1
21	16	Forward Tech	16	...	...	...	...
342½	246	GEC	342	+3½	9.6	3.5	18.1
182	132	Goneby	167	...	...	8.2	35.1
11½	7½	Graystone	8½	...	...	...	...
39	36	Hicksure	36	...	...	1.7	11.7
189	83	INSTEM	150	-1	...	2.6	10.8
388	320	Jones Stroud	378	...	8.0	2.6	16.5
17½	8	Kenatroy	14½	...	0.1	1.4	...
329	260	Kenwood App	322	-1	5.8	2.3	...
181	47	Kewill Sys	171	+1	...	...	8.6
207	100	Kode	204	-1	5.5	3.4	24.2
40	16	Laser-Scan	40	...	...	...	...
305	122	LDMS	305	...	...	...	...
228	240	Lee Refrig	223	...	9.0	4.1	...
179	135	Life Sciences	150	-1	3.5	3.0	16.3
269	164	Logica	269	+4	3.6	1.7	31.7
54	44	LPA Ind	45	...	...	9.8	12.7
272	177	MR Data Mngmt	179	...	4.3	3.0	17.1
683	323	Macro 4	680	...	...	2.3	22.8
630	527	Memer-Swa	589	...	...	1.9	19.5
3013	1988	Micro Focus	2288	-2	...	...	20.9
227	184	Microgen	185	...	7.2	4.9	12.6
34½	23½	Microvitec	24	...	...	...	...
514	357	Misys	501	...	6.1	1.5	22.9
244	94	MMT	244	+13	...	...	...
138	88	MMT Compu	119	...	...	3.7	15.1
28	16	Molynx	23	...	1.3	7.1	...
272	202	MTL Instr	215	...	...	2.1	16.2
165	132	Maltbone Elect	128	...	3.0	2.9	15.7
160	116	Murray Enter	160	+2	1.8	1.5	75.3
6412½	5325	NYNEX	5950	...	...	2.9	25.0
188	140	Neotronics	143	...	2.6	2.3	18.4
65	42	Newmark (L)	65	...	...	...	...
114	58	Norbain	107	...	...	1.3	16.0
75	30	Northumber	61	...	0.5	1.0	...
15½	9	Odesmics	13	...	...	...	8.4
265	195	Oxford Inst	257	...	4.5	2.2	...
83	48	P-E Intern'l	75	...	1.0	1.7	...
35	20	P & P	25	+3	1.4	2.3	39.8
82	55	Peek	69	...	3.4	6.2	18.0
190	115	Pegasus	161	-6	...	4.0	41.3
9000	9000	Philips En 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1050	725	-do- Lmp nv	1000	+12½	...	...	...
254	211	Phonelink	235	+2	...	...	...
452	343	Piko	462	...	7.7	2.1	39.2
442	303	-do- 'A' Voting	442	...	7.7	2.2	37.4
96	63	Plasmec	69	...	...	8.8	5.8
104	76	Presac	102	...	2.4	2.9	20.6
135	103	Psion	110	-2	...	2.8	23.2
229	160	Racal Elect	222	+2	...	2.4	17.4
60	45	Radamec	55	...	1.0	3.3	...
70	43	Radius	58	...	...	5.8	20.0
92	61	Real Time	78	+1	...	4.8	7.1
35	18	Rivas	34	...	...	...	43.1
629	488	Sage Gp	534	...	9.0	2.1	17.1
66	49	Scanitronic	64	...	2.9	5.8	20.2
151	117	Scholes Grp	151	+10	5.0	4.1	29.7
380	270	Sema Gp	306	...	2.8	1.1	24.8
39	26	Silvermines	31	...	...	9.3	...
46	37	Soundtracks	46	+3	...	6.0	15.5
2512½	1737½	TDK	2275	-25	...	1.3	...
27	4½	TDS Circuits	13½	...	...	...	...
158	80	Telemetrix	134	+2	0.8	0.7	...
930	809	THORN EMI	930	+25	...	4.5	18.7
111	96	Thorpe FW	103	-1	2.5	3.0	10.6
109	70	Total Systems	78	-1	3.0	4.9	...
445	372	Tunstall	435	+1	6.0	1.7	17.4
256	164	Unitech	246	...	5.8	3.0	43.0
11½	6	Verity	7	...	...	...	...
35	24	Vistec	34½	...	...	1.1	28.4
477	367	Vodafone	452	+9½	...	1.9	20.5
441	388	Volex	423	+1	17.8	5.4	...
26	11	Western Selecm	23	...	...	...	...
255	223	Wholesale Ftgs	253	...	11.7	5.8	24.1

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	389	East Midlands	449	...	...	5.6	7.5
496	399	Eastern Elect	469	+2	16.7	4.5	11.6
366	304	Hydro-Elect	348	+4	...	4.6	12.3
500½	404	London Elect	464	+4	16.8	4.5	8.9
549	458	Manweb	524	+1	...	5.2	7.5
514	434½	Midlands Elec	466	-3	17.2	4.6	9.8
549	440	Northern Elec	512	+2	18.5	4.5	7.8
544	430	Norweb	498	...	17.7	4.4	9.4
337	285	Scottish Power	326	+1	...	4.4	11.8
559	430	Seeboard	509	-3	17.2	4.2	9.2
571	460	Sth Wales	541	+5	...	5.3	8.6
552	426	Sth Western	472	-3	17.4	4.6	8.5
496	406	Southern Elec	454	-1½	16.6	4.6	9.0
552	455	Yorkshire Elec	505	-1	17.7	4.4	9.3
369	273	National Powr	369	+8½	...	3.6	11.2
388	273	PowerGen	386	+7	...	3.4	10.6

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	51	Aitken Hume	51	...	0.5	...	32.6
86	47	BWD	84	...	...	4.8	13.1

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
90	26	Baldie Plc	80	...	...	1.4	...
453	413	Caledonia	433	+6	14.4	4.2	16.6
1380	1075	Camellia	1375	...	27.0	2.5	11.6
265	243	Candover	264	...	10.2	4.9	18.7
109	71	Electra	95	...	...	0.7	...
303	155	Gavco	281	-1	...	5.4	8.8
151	125	Ivory Shine	151	...	6.5	5.5	...
6½	3	IIT	3½	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12	...	...	...	0.6
289	154	Lon Parkinge	200	...	8.4	5.4	14.1
61	47	Manakin	61	...	...	...	...
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	9½	...	...	...	...
30	40	Newmarket	30	...	...	...	...
276	248	Rathbone Brs	274	...	6.0	2.7	16.7
23½	17	Rutland Tst	22½	...	...	4.4	13.4
330	253	S & U	279	+4	10.0	4.5	...
70	48	Singer & Fried	68	...	2.6	4.8	...
975	728	Sotheby's	825	...	...	4.6	...
118	83	SIP Capital	115	-½	3.0	3.3	...
2019½	1487½	Amer Express	2019½	+43½	...	...	...
978	835	Henderson Ad	886	-2½	42.0	5.0	...
138	92	Invesco MIM	136	...	3.0	2.8	...
238	164	Jardine Strat	230	...	...	3.1	11.3
194	154	MAI	194	+2	6.0	3.9	14.1
528	389	MAM	522	-2	15.0	3.6	13.0
799	683	M & G	776	...	...	3.5	20.6
244	115	Smith New Ct	244	+3	4.5	2.3	9.7
81	53	Tyle Hldgs	60	...	...	4.7	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	461	All Food	496	+4	14.8	3.7	10.9
77½	53	ASDA Group	74½	+½	...	2.7	24.0
255	170	Acatos & Hutch	233	+3	6.5	3.5	13.5
76	55	Albert Fisher	63	-2	3.7	7.4	10.5
407	297	Argyll	326	+3½	...	4.2	12.1
25	12	Ashley Group	14	...	...	5.0	...
147	122	Assoc Fisheries	123	-1	8.0	8.1	...
210	160	Banks (S C)	208	...	8.2	5.0	10.4
402	310	Barr (AG)	373	...	6.5	2.2	18.8
85	57	Bensons Crisps	76	-3	...	4.7	17.1
141	112½	Berisford Intl	132	...	...	...	...
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HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	14	Abrdn Stk Hle	14	...	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Rest	82	...	...	1.5	2.4	19.8
236	170	Forte	226	+4	...	4.1	17.7
199	155	Friendly Hotels	190	...	5.7	3.8	36.2
8	5	Harmony Leis	6½	...	...	...	...
110	87	Jarys Hotel	110	...	...	3.5	13.0
215	154	Ladbroke	184½	+3	11.1	7.6	15.8
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	66	...	...	4.8	17.7
59	44	Queens Moat	47¼	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	85	-do- 7¼% cnpr	85	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	1½	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	48	-½	3.4	9.0	9.4
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	17¼	+¼	...	6.3	...
835	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	835	...	7.0	1.0	...
57	34½	Stakis	51	...	...	1.1	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	178	AAF Inds	201	...	...	3.5	12.3
616	478	AAH	512	-1	...	4.3	15.3
172	140	ADM	160	...	6.5	5.1	9.9
132	88	APV	102	+1½	...	6.6	...
233	81	ASW	205	-8	...	3.7	...
171	124	Adwest	171	+2	7.0	5.1	34.3
28	18	Aerospace Eng	28	+2	1.0	...	17.1
518	434	Alsprung	484	...	9.0	2.3	...
147	113	Alexdn W	147	...	3.8	3.2	40.6
9	7	Allied Radio	7½	...	...	...	...
542	415	Alumasc	542	+2	11.0	2.5	16.6
48	17	Alvis	43½	...	1.0	2.9	8.8
420	345	Amber Ind	385	...	17.0	5.5	10.3
38	18	Amberley Gp	35	...	...	3.7	...
145	115	Andrews Sykes	115	...	4.4	4.9	...
893	703	Amdagesta	723	-5	...	2.8	13.4
50½	37	Armour	41	...	1.4	4.5	12.0
170	143	Ash & Lacy	156	...	6.4	5.1	16.7
3½	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	0.0	1.9	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	492	...	...	4.2	19.6
235	168	Assoc Nursg	230	...	...	...	8.0
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	650	...	...	4.2	16.3
56	35	Ayrshire Metal	56	...	...	...	...
172	147	BBA	152	...	...	6.2	12.9
65	28	BLP Group	63	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	21	+1½	5.0	...	...
770	650	BOC	705	+4	23.2	4.1	13.5
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INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1543½	Alex & Alex	1743½	+31½	...	3.6	...
2275	1787½	Am Gen	2143½	+25	...	3.2	...
47	38	Archer (AJ)	42	...	...	4.4	20.2
148	118	Bradstock	138	...	...	5.1	4.7	16.8
498	359½	Britannic	494	-½	...	2.8	...
641	556	Com Union	608	+11	...	5.0	...
1570	1225	Dom & Gen	1570	...	...	1.4	25.9
27	18	FAI	26	...	...	...	...
615½	546	Gen Accident	585	+5	26.7	5.2	...
195	160	GRE	180	+3	7.0	4.9	14.9
370	293	Heath C E	333	-2	16.0	6.0	...
202	168	Hogg Gp	202	+2	8.1	5.0	18.3
200	164	JIB Group	200	+1	7.5	4.2	20.2
483	408½	Legal & Gen	475	+6	...	5.0	28.9
1036	768	Liberty Life	963	-13	...	2.5	30.8
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	445	+7	17.3	4.9	16.0
313	253	Lloyd Thomp	302	...	...	5.6	23.2
366	274	Londn & Man	340	...	14.2	5.2	25.0
362	321	Lowndes Lmb	357	...	12.6	4.4	14.2
8743½	5800	Marsh McLn	5787½	+143½	...	2.9	...
97	76	Oriel	89	...	...	7.0	...
68	50½	PWS	61	...	4.0	8.2	8.8
342	285½	Prudential	334½	+6½	...	4.4	22.2
1138	800	Refuge	1063	...	31.5	3.7	28.4
316	248	Royal	289	+3	...	2.8	...
192	153	Sedgwick	191	-1	6.0	3.9	23.0
261	205	Steel Burrill	245	+1	...	6.8	14.5
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	63	...	8.2	...	6.3
363	307	Sun Alliance	356	+1	14.2	5.0	...
61	50	Trade Indemnty	57	...	...	...	...
288	239	Transatlantic	275	...	12.0	5.5	35.5
773	499	Utd Friendly	713	...	14.5	2.5	31.1
216	171	Willis Corroon	214	...	...	3.9	46.0
20	13½	Windsor	16	...	...	...	12.6

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1708	1548	Alliance	1675	+11	45.0	3.4	...
260	226½	Amer Trust	235	+1½	4.9	2.6	48.8
383	304	Ang & O'seas	353	-4	6.8	2.4	44.8
136½	124	BZW Conv	136½	...	7.8	7.1	16.0
161	133½	Bankers	159½	+1	3.4	2.7	43.6
298	264	Baring Tribune	281	...	6.4	2.9	44.4
167	131	Berry Starq	167	...	2.2	1.6	54.3
106½	98½	Br Assets	101	+1½	...	5.3	24.7
73	57½	Br Empire Sec	73	+½	0.8	1.5	74.1
22	14	-do- Wnts	22	...	...	...	...
173	150	Br Inv	168	...	4.5	3.3	...
164	130	Contl Assets	155	...	2.4	1.9	51.6
195	144	Derby Inc	152	...	16.6	13.7	9.1
255	195	-do- Cap	253	...	...	...	...
137½	90	Drayton Asia	133	-½	0.7	0.7	...
73	62	-do- Blue Chip	66	...	8.4	15.9	7.3
69	35	-do- Eng Intl	68	+1	1.2	2.2	...
120	84	-do- Far East	115	-2	0.6	0.7	...
116	95	-do- Korea	115	...	0.5	0.6	...
631	577	Dunedin Inc G	580	+1	25.4	5.5	26.7
611	513	-do- Wwde	599	-7	9.5	2.0	61.7
270	222	Dundee & Lon	265	...	12.0	5.7	24.4
51	45	EFM Inc Tst	45	+½	4.8	13.5	...
54	51½	-do- Div Pf	53½	...	...	...	...
274	250½	Edinburgh	269	+3	8.4	3.9	28.4
245	183	Electra Inv	244	+1	6.7	3.5	32.8
170	141	Electric Gen	169	-1	3.1	2.3	53.8
97	85	English Scot	97	...	...	...	...
253	205	European Asset	244	...	...	3.1	28.7
103	77	Finsbury 'A'	103	...	3.0	3.6	33.1
290	248	Fleming Amer	287	...	0.7	0.3	...
206	190½	-do- Claver	197	...	...	3.4	58.8
266	212	Do Contl	253	+3	2.7	1.3	...
177	147	-do- Entp	177	+1	4.5	3.2	39.7
292	213	-do- F East	289	-1	1.1	0.5	...
300	246	-do- Fledg	296	+1½	3.0	1.3	...
117	105½	-do- Fl Inc	116	...	5.8	6.2	...
227	135	-do- Japan	200	-10	0.3	0.2	...
271	250	-do- Merc	263	+3	6.7	3.2	...
291	212	-do- Oseas	290	...	4.0	2.0	59.7
231	203	Foreign & Col	228½	+1	3.5	1.8	63.5
210	164	-do- Emrgt	186½	+½	1.2	0.8	...
107	87	-do- German	98	+1	0.5	0.6	...
279	191	-do- Pacific	270	-4	1.9	0.9	...
147½	116	-do- Smaller	147	+½	1.8	1.6	...
233	145	GT Japan	213	-9	...	0.7	...
135	65	Genl Cons Cap	134	...	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	110	...	...	9.6	11.4
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	128	...	...	...	...
287	184	-do- Oriental	280	-3½	0.9	0.4	...
256½	207	-do- Strategy	256½	+2½	...	3.3	38.4
373	340	Greenfriar	369	...	6.3	2.2	58.4
15	5	Gresham House	15	...	...	...	...
53	47	Independent Inv	50½	...	0.5	1.2	...

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
345	269	Airtours	341	+7	7.2	2.7	12.1
60	42	Ald Leis	60	...	4.7	...	17.2
331	194	Anglia TV	324	...	...	3.6	15.0
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	234	-3	10.0	5.6	14.5
1200	930	Boosey Hwks	1195	...	22.0	2.3	17.9
136	90	Border TV	136	-11	...	2.5	17.8
16½	4	Brent Walker	10½	-½	...	...	...
8	2½	Buckingham Int	7	...	...	...	...
292	120	Campari	133	...	...	11.3	...
197	171	Capital Radio	175	+2	5.2	3.8	20.2
818	718	Carlton Comm	788	+7	17.0	2.7	23.0
200	158	Castle Comm	182	...	...	5.8	16.6
1950	1645	Central TV	1950	+7	38.0	2.4	21.2
83	61	Chrysalis	65	...	...	...	...
580	470	Compass Gp	512	+2	...	3.2	15.3
350	197	Eurocamp	201	-4	9.7	6.1	8.3
1780	770	Euro Disney	823	-12	...	1.5	...
8	5½	Euro Leisure	5½	...	...	...	...
31	18	Ex-Lands	26	...	...	...	...
390	345	Fairline Boats	264	-2½	10.5	5.0	...
378	320	First Leisure	365	+3½	6.1	2.1	25.3
515	208	GWR Gp	330	...	...	1.7	26.0
197	149	Grampian	197	...	6.1	3.9	...
6	4½	Greenwich Comm	5	...	...	...	...
56	19	HTV Group	55	...	...	...	34.4
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	50	+3	2.0	5.0	...
12½	5½	Kunick	10½	...	...	...	...
394	262	LWT CP	375	...	...	1.6	17.3
475	327	Man Utd	422	...	18.0	5.3	14.5
148	90½	Owners Abrd	101	...	3.5	4.3	8.1
66	33	The Pelican Gp	59	...	...	2.1	20.3
130	55	Prism Leisure	115	+5	...	3.0	13.1
36	16	Quadrant Grp	22	-1	...	...	...
318	284	Radio Clyde	284	...	...	3.7	22.2
175	132	Ramsdens (H)	165	...	...	3.4	21.9
504	431	Scot TV	504	+6	9.9	2.5	24.8
60	41	Southern Radio	41	-1	0.7	2.4	17.1
219	168	Stanley Leisure	211	...	...	2.5	17.8
16	5½	Sunleigh	9	...	...	...	...
145	130	Sunset & Vine	133	...	3.5	3.3	15.5
420	383	Taojong	420	...	...	0.6	...
221	150	Thames TV	197	...	2.5	1.6	...
2½	1	Ticketing	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	107	+8	...	...	3.5
78	44	Trans World	66	...	...	1.5	24.1
459	274	Ulster TV	459	...	10.0	2.7	14.1
22	13½	Wembley	16	...	0.2	1.6	...
33	7½	Whitegate	33	...	...	...	...
187	110	Yorkshire TV	185	...	12.0	8.1	5.6
113	83	Zetters Gp	113	+1	8.0	8.8	11.4

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4300	1800	Am Gold	4275	+225	...	4.9	20.5
1412½	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1412½	+25	...	6.6	...
2050	1125	Ang Am	1975	+50	...	3.6	...
19½	8½	Anglo Pac Res	19½	+½	...	...	...
114	33	Blyvoors	101	+2	...	6.1	5.6
41	18	Bracken	29	...	...	...	1.5
710	233	Buffels	615	+10	...	6.4	15.2
2½	1	Bume	2½	+½	...	...	...
684	546	CRA	613	+12	...	3.4	...
43½	11	Cluff Res	31½	+1	...	...	...
1181½	762½	De Beers	1125	+12½	...	4.3	15.2
138	37½	Deelkraal	126	+4	...	4.8	6.9
87	7	Doornfontein	67	+4	...	...	...
867	388	Driefontein	808	+23	...	4.1	14.8
618	120	Durban	590	-6	...	...	...
124	47	E Rand Gold	112	+1	...	10.5	3.1
162	62	E Dagga	135	+1	...	...	11.3
250	54	E Rand Prop	236	+2	...	...	...
490	117	Elandsrand	440	+52	...	2.8	10.3
722	282	FS Cons	686	+25	...	8.2	7.4
40	8	FS Dev	27	...	...	...	...
1500	725	GFSA	1380	+24	...	2.9	21.7
168	125	Gencor	164	+3	...	6.0	12.7
63	35½	Gld Kalgoorli	55½	+½	...	2.4	13.9
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	16½	+1	...	...	...
145	49	Grootvlei	133	+21	...	7.7	7.9
300	78	Harmony	286	+6	...	...	...
434	87	Hartles	343	+2	...	5.7	...
14	8½	Inoco	11½	...	...	...	...
1080	491	Impala Plat	925	-2	...	...	20.9
13½	6	Kenmare Res	8½	-½	...	...	...
811	332	Kinross	780	+20	...	6.5	8.5
843	319	Kloof	808	+23	...	2.2	13.6
90	25	Leslie	89	+4	...	4.7	8.9
119	13	Loraine	118	+4	...	...	...
116½	85½	MIM	89½	+2½	...	2.6	40.8
1071	820	Minorco	1071	+9	...	3.5	12.7
129½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	125	+1	...	4.0	...
1850	610	Orange Free	1612½	+50	...	8.2	12.2
709	607	RTZ	660	+6	...	3.9	24.8
550	425	Rand Mines	537½	+8½	...	11.0	2.4
517	150	Randfontein	485	+5	...	3.5	7.4
192	115	Renison	165	-5	...	2.7	16.0
1200	850	Rustnburg	1112½	...	...	4.1	17.4
585	191	St Helena	463	+12	...	5.2	9.5
1582	475	Southvaal	1485	+31	...	3.9	25.4
88	18	Stilfontein	81	+1	...	7.9	13.9
201	58	Unisel	172	-2	...	1.8	16.7
4775	1800	Vaal Reefs	4350	+175	...	5.1	7.4
500	154	Welkom	417	+12	...	8.1	12.3
250	26	Western Areas	199	-2	...	...	...
1775	587½	Western Deep	1737½	+34½	...	3.6	8.0
283	176	Wstrn Mining	255	+5	...	...	...
776	323	Winkels	750	+41	...	1.4	6.1
84	56	Zambia Copper	64	+2	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	58	...	...	...	18.5

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
238	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
125	95	Airflow Stream	118	...	3.0	3.2	11.4
134	82	Applegard	134	+4	5.2	5.2	...
280	203	Bletchley Mtr	270	...	...	4.1	13.8
152	120	Bostrom	151	...	6.0	5.0	26.7
429	165	Br Aerospace	413	...	7.0	2.1	...
328	303	Caffyns	308	+1½	11.5	4.7	...
9½	4½	Caverdale	8½	...	...	...	...
141	98	Central Mtr	141	+1	...	3.5	35.9
29	18	Cook (DC)	22	...	...	...	...
239	156	Cowie (T)	238	...	6.2	3.3	18.1
110	86	Dag Motors	107	...	5.7	6.7	19.3
142	107½	Davenport Vern	139	...	...	3.6	17.6
264	155	ERF	245	+15	4.0	...	...
117	92	European Mtr	108	...	...	1.7	...
321	208	Evans Halshaw	321	+3	11.2	4.4	49.5
290	226	FR Group	274	...	...	3.3	12.8
3650	2843½	Ford Motor	3362½	...	...	...	...
2875	2143½	General Mtr	2812½	-62½	...	1.8	...
58	38	Gowrings	58	...	2.0	4.3	...
165	85	Henlys	166	...	3.0	2.3	...
875	650	Honda Motor	803	-39	...	0.7	...
28	15	Jacks (Wm)	28	...	...	...	...
106	66	Jessups	93	...	4.5	6.0	...
151	97	Kwik-Fit	151	+2	...	2.8	27.0
371	281	Lex Service	370	...	...	3.6	20.2
134	85	Lookers	134	+1	6.2	5.9	...
152	126	Lucas	131	-½	7.0	6.7	...
274½	224½	Pendragon	257	...	...	3.3	20.8
193	106	Perry Gp	190	...	6.0	3.9	...
158	108	Quicks Group	158	...	...	3.6	20.2
153	99	Rolls-Royce	147½	-2½	...	4.2	...
201	153	Trinity Hldgs	195	-½	...	3.6	...
148	125	Vardy (Reg)	145	...	4.0	3.4	22.4
188	121	Westland	180	+1	4.2	2.9	16.2

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	135	...	4.0	3.7	14.4
330	315	Black (A&C)	325	...	13.5	5.2	...
608	448	Blenheim Gp	448	-2	...	2.5	16.7
370	275	Bristol	343	...	11.7	4.3	...
£100½	7775	Daily Mail	£100¼	+9½	13.0	1.6	22.6
£100½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	£100	+9½	13.0	1.6	22.5
305	251	Dorling Kind	289	...	...	1.3	22.6
373	328	EMAP	358	...	...	2.7	22.2
1113	873	Euromoney Pb	1083	-17	29.5	3.5	23.9
237	170	Haddington K	217	-2	4.5	2.6	17.7
368	233	Haynes Pub	365	...	6.0	2.1	15.7
405	226	Headline	400	+2	5.0	1.6	...
140	108	Home Counts	125	...	6.0	6.1	...
9½	3	Intl Bus Comm	8½	...	...	...	12.3
9	6½	Int Cm & Data	8	...	...	...	...
350	240	Independent	350	...	...	3.6	15.7
545	395	Johnston Press	545	...	6.2	1.4	21.6
286	243	Metal Bulletin	281	...	8.0	3.6	19.8
164	88	Mirror Gp	164	+3	...	...	...
373	297	News Corp	348	+14	...	0.3	21.4
240	169	News Intl	211	...	...	0.6	14.6
472	354	Pearson	466	...	...	3.2	28.4
675	510	Portsmth Sund	670	+1½	8.4	1.8	...
686	618	Reed Intl	662	+4	...	3.2	28.8
148	98	Southnews	145	-1	...	1.8	26.8
157	90	Sterling Pub	157	...	...	2.3	45.2
401	328	Telegraph	394	...	...	3.5	16.5
825	715	Thomson Corp	775	+10	25.4	4.1	...
377	313	Trinity Intl	374	-1	8.7	2.9	22.4
39	34	Unit Group	36	...	...	...	...
610	494	Utd Newspprs	577	+2	...	4.7	16.6

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18½	6½	Aberdeen Pete	17½	...	...	...	...
35½	17	Aran Energy	32½	-½	...	...	31.4
61	40	Arcon Intl	46	-1	...	...	...
65	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	65	...	...	...	...
70	26	Avina Pet	69	-1	...	...	...
16	9	Beverley	12½	-1½	...	...	...
183	146	Br Borneo	161	+6	7.1	5.5	4.9
330	276	British Gas	307	+6½	14.2	5.8	14.8
326	225	Br Petroleum	312½	+3½	10.5	4.2	49.2
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
737	675	Burmah Castrl	698	+5	...	4.5	16.3
65	32	Cairn Energy	63	+½	...	...	9.0
268	223	Calor Gp	240	...	...	6.3	20.0
69½	39½	Clyde Pet	55	...	...	...	...
35	27	Copley Res	30	+1	...	...	...
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	19½	-½	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	478	+7	16.0	4.2	50.0
88	47	Exp Co Louis	49	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	25½	...	...	2.2	9.7
67	45	Goal Pet	64	...	1.4	2.7	12.2
44	18	Gt Western Res	43½	+½	...	...	...
169	108	Hardy O & G	161	-1	1.0	0.8	...
46	18½	Kelt Energy	39	+2	...	...	...
195	141	LASMO	158½	+1	5.3	2.6	32.1
103	63	-do- Units	79	...	9.4	15.0	...
24	14½	Mid Scot Res	17	+½	...	...	...
47	34	Monument	45	...	...	...	72.5
9½	6	New London	6½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	31	...	1.0	4.0	10.2
35	27	Oil Search	32	+1	...	...	...
14½	12	Petrez	13	+1	...	...	...
113	99	PKI Pet	113	+2	...	...	15.7
29½	18	Premier	29½	...	...	...	9.4
115	50	Presidio	115	...	...	5.0	...
393	290	Ranger	365	+10	...	4.4	...
6262½	5150	Royal Dutch Fl	6262½	+34½	...	5.2	14.7
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4400	+50	...	1.7	...
67	47	Seafield	59	...	...	...	...
633	515	Shell	633	+6	21.0	4.3	19.8
203	182	Sunrise Eng Sv	183	...	...	...	...
10½	4½	Teredo	6	...	...	...	3.9
41	21	Triton Europe	25	-3	...	...	5.7
12½	6½	Viljers Gep	12½	...	...	...	...
172	143½	Woodside	156	+3	...	2.1	...

The Investment Trusts listing continues below (InvCap to Witan).

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
134	126	Inv Cap	129	-½	5.1	4.9	25.0
93	77	Inv UK Smllr	93	+2	2.8	3.8	25.9
183	150½	Kleinwort Chr	174	+½	5.0	3.6	33.8
208	176	-do- O'seas	208	+1	3.3	2.0	38.1
126	108	-do- Smlr	126	...	4.0	4.0	30.5
595	540	Law Debenture	594	+2	18.2	3.8	28.7
175	164	Majedie	175	...	...	3.4	33.0
249	221	Merchants	240	+½	10.6	5.5	22.3
5093½	3700	Merrill Lynch	4912½	-62½	...	...	...
440	383	Monks Inv Tst	431	-1	6.7	2.0	...
126	105	Morg Gren Inc	119	...	...	4.8	23.8
37	23	Do Warrants	34	...	...	...	...
47	39	Murray Euro	45	-1	...	0.1	0.4
11	4½	Do Wts	8½	...	...	...	...
315	282	Murray Income	307	...	...	4.4	29.2
319	288	-do- Intl	296	+2½	11.4	4.8	26.7
324	263	-do- Small	323	+1	4.0	1.6	69.6
108	96½	-do- S/C Inc	97	...	...	13.7	9.5
98	73	-do- S/C Cap	98	...	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2950	...	...	4.5	...
147½	142½	-do- S/C DP	143½	...	...	...	...
267	230	-do- Vent	257	+4	...	4.8	21.1
73	56½	New Frontier	73	-1	0.2	0.4	...
85	68	Nwthrng Inc	78	+1½	6.7	10.8	...
301	249	O'seas Inv Tst	295	-5	2.8	1.2	...
388	285	Pacific Assets	372	-10	1.1	0.4	...
291	187	Do Warrants	275	-7	...	...	...
8200	7690	Personal Assets	8125	...	...	2.5	48.5
144	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	139	...	1.1	1.0	...
123	108	River & Merc	113	...	9.2	10.2	11.3
398	350	Robeco	385	...	...	3.4	...
390	346	Rolinco	385	...	...	2.1	...
242	214	St Andrew Inv	241	...	7.5	3.9	32.4
149½	131	Scot American	145	...	4.3	3.8	30.7
209	136	Scot Asian	205	-3	...	...	...
410	225	do Warrants	400	-8	...	...	...
73	69½	-do- Eastern	71½	+½	1.5	2.6	47.1
222	183	Scottish	222	+½	4.6	2.9	41.7
201	178	-do- Mtge	194	...	4.0	2.6	50.3
83½	71	-do- Value	83½	...	...	2.7	59.5
1503	1390	Second Allnce	1484	+4	36.5	3.1	39.9
84½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	83	...	3.2	4.9	27.4
130	109½	Selective Asset	130	+1	1.2	1.2	40.8
23	14	Sphere Inv	23	...	3.1	17.4	7.2
143	112	TR Far East	140	-3	4.5	4.0	30.7
140½	126	TR City Of Lon	137½	...	4.7	4.3	28.9
150	119	TR Pacific	146	-2½	0.3	0.3	...
28½	17	TR Property	26	...	0.9	4.3	...
60	47	TR Tech Inv	60	+1	1.7	3.3	32.7
179	146	TR Smlr Cos	177	+1	3.7	2.6	51.8
315	283	Temple Bar	303	...	13.2	5.5	22.8
91	69	Thrgtn Astan E	87	-2	0.5	0.7	...
69	54	Throgmorton	68½	+½	2.3	4.2	28.0
440	383	Throg Dual Cp	440	...	...	...	...
197	178	USDC Invest	197	...	4.5	2.9	36.2
102	76½	Value Inc Tst	99	...	3.6	4.5	24.9
598	543	Whitbread Inv	569	+2	16.5	3.6	34.3
195	181	Witan	195	+2	5.6	3.6	34.2

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
331	249	API	330	...	7.5	2.8	28.7
195	144	Arjo Wiggins	188	+1	...	4.3	18.5
505	408	Abbott Mead	503	...	9.3	2.3	26.1
1½	½	Acsis Group	1½	...	...	...	...
40	15	Aegis Gp	38	+½	1.3	4.5	...
212	155	Aspen Comms	190	...	...	...	32	17.1
13	7	BBB Design	13	...	...	...	...
348	234½	Bemrose	348	...	...	4.2	14.2
33	13	Birkdale	13	...	0.2	1.9	11.0
138	118	Bunzl	129	-1	4.0	3.9	19.5
287	257	CIA Gp	274	...	...	2.0	17.3
209	93	Capital Inds	208	...	...	1.9	19.9
56	44	Chy of Lon	53	-½	...	8.1	...
236	160	Cropper (James)	236	...	3.1	1.7	...
6	6	Crown Comm	6	...	...	...	...
92	31	Delyn Pckaging	87	...	1.6	2.4	...
117	94	Dolphin Pack	107	...	4.5	5.3	20.4
56	42	Dudley Jenkins	55	...	...	...	14.3
15½	12½	Elswick	13	-½	0.3	3.0	...
73	41	Fairway Group	72	...	...	5.5	21.2
323	271	Ferguson Intl	310	...	12.5	5.0	...
105	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	8.7	29.3
119	74	Filofax	118	...	...	0.4	29.5
20	14	Fitch	15	...	...	...	...
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PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
77	41	Allied Lon	75	...	3.5	5.9	64.7
63	58	Arcadian	63	...	...	...	...
94	54	Asda	80	...	2.1	2.9	9.4
139	88	Avonside	136	+1	4.0	3.7	19.0
2637½	2062½	BCE	2387½	+37½	...	...	...
602	396	Bilton	590	+2	18.9	4.0	21.3
54	23	Bourne End	53	...	1.0	2.4	...
213	150	Bradford	185	...	5.4	3.5	...
23	12	Bredero	13	...	...	...	1.2
335	166½	Br Land	317	+5	...	2.8	29.3
206	149½	Brixton	195	...	...	5.4	15.4
83	45	Burford	77	...	...	1.9	...
156	99	Cap & Regnl	152	...	...	0.9	...
180	120	Cardiff Prop	180	...	2.4	1.7	...
375	196	Chesterfield	373	+2	11.0	3.7	26.7
33	12	City Site Ests	32	+2	1.4	...	...
23	12	Clarke Nickolls	21	+1	0.3	...	5.1
39	10	Clayform	33	-2	...	...	...
50	34	Conrad Rbist GS	45	...	...	1.4	...
1128	818	Daejan	1123	...	25.0	2.8	17.5
3½	1½	Danes Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
95	53	Debenhm Twsn	94	+1	2.5	3.3	34.1
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
141	76	Denora	140	...	3.0	2.7	...
498	263	Derwent Hldgs	490	...	8.6	2.2	61.1
55	25	Dwyer	54	...	...	...	...
252	170	Estates Agency	250	...	3.0	...	22.9
27	7½	Estates Gen	15½	-½	...	...	...
171	132	Evans Of Leeds	171	...	4.1	3.0	16.4
27½	11	Five Oaks	27	...	...	...	...
53	30	Fletcher King	53	...	1.0	2.4	...
436	285	Frogmore	423	-2	15.0	4.4	23.8
174	97	Grainger	174	+9	5.2	3.8	38.6
205	120	Gr Portland	179	+1½	...	7.0	16.7
26½	7½	Greycoat	21½	...	5.2	...	...
145	101	HK Land	138	-1	...	4.7	...
75	35	Hambro Cntyw	64	-2	...	...	...
417	277	Hammerson	366	+1	10.0	3.4	35.2
382	245	-do- 'A'	336	+1	10.0	3.9	32.4
221	127	Helical Bar	221	+1	...	2.7	...
31	19	Hemingway	29	+½	...	...	...
132	57	Herring Baker	76	...	...	3.7	6.2
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
597	435	Land Sec	587	...	22.8	4.9	17.7
99	73	Lon Merch Sec	95½	+½	3.8	5.0	15.2
4	1½	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
442½	315½	MEPC	397	-3	...	6.3	17.1
9	5	McInerney A	9	...	...	...	...
130	90	McKay Secs	126	...	6.7	...	20.7
7½	3	Markheath	7	+½	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mre	43	...	1.0	...	...
5	5	Merlin Ind	5	...	...	...	...
40	29	Moorfield Est	38	...	...	...	...
1150	775	Mountview	1150	...	20.0	2.2	...
146	112	Mucklow (A&J)	145	...	5.9	5.1	20.4
46	30	Olive Hldgs	41	...	1.5	4.6	...
10½	4	Ossory Est	4½	...	0.1	...	1.4
131	86	PSIT	127	+1	3.7	3.7	25.3
211	138	Peel	209	...	3.0	1.8	...
16	8	Power Corp	10	...	...	...	1.1
41	22	Property Trust	33	...	...	...	...
5	1½	Raglan	2½	...	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	20	+½	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	135	...	1.5	1.4	...
37	16	St Modwen Prp	33	...	0.6	2.3	25.1
70	39	Savills	63	...	...	...	...
82	34	Scot Met	74	...	1.5	...	...
96	39	Shaftesbury	94	...	...	...	...
15	5	Slocid	14½	+3	...	...	...
224	139½	Slough Estates	207	...	...	4.9	14.5
82	56	Southend Prop	67	...	4.1	7.8	33.8
28	16	Stanhope Prps	24	...	...	...	...
177	114	Tops Ests	175	...	2.0	1.4	44.4
116	79	Town Centre	109	...	3.1	3.6	20.3
72	43	Trafford Park	62	...	2.5	5.2	16.7
28	8	UK Land	25	...	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	7½	...	...	...	...
243	180	Warner	222	...	10.5	5.9	20.3
202	168	Warnford	197	...	7.5	4.9	...
8	3½	Watergtade	3½	...	...	...	...
67	35	Wates	60	...	0.7	1.6	...
76	40	Wood John D	68	-1	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic	16	...	...	...	...
157	86	Headlam	156	...	...	2.1	34.4
500	330	Lambert	383	...	13.0	4.2	9.4
100	78	Pittards	78	...	2.0	3.2	22.3
30	20	Strong & Fisher	25	...	1.0	4.5	7.8
157	89	Stylo	156	...	...	2.5	58.5
55	53	UK Safety	54	...	...	23.8	1.8

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
485	408	Allied Text	479	+3	12.6	3.3	15.4
69	54	Beckman (A)	61	+2	4.7	...	12.1
33	21	Bolton Gp	30	...	...	...	15.3
165	141	Br Mohair	160	...	8.5	6.0	...
20	15	Charwell	20	...	0.4	2.5	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	330	...	7.2	2.7	20.6
601	522	Courtauld Text	547	...	13.6	3.1	15.0
53½	24½	Coplde	31	+2	...	...	...
248½	208½	Dawson	209	...	...	5.4	17.5
30	22	Drummond	26	...	...	...	...
37½	27	Dunkeld	33	+3	...	...	...
72	65	Faupel	70	...	...	8.7	6.9
34	15	Foster (John)	23	...	0.5	2.7	...
133	82	Gaskell	116	...	4.2	4.6	...
186	156	Hicking Pntcst	183	...	4.0	2.8	...
59	45	Jerome (S)	50	+1	...	...	...
365	249	Lamont	349	...	12.0	4.3	23.1
506	353½	Leeds	475	+1	...	1.9	22.9
42	15	Lister	35	...	0.1	0.4	...
122	78	Lyles (S)	81	...	4.9	7.6	9.2
180	89	Magellan	159	...	1.4	1.1	...
135	69	Parkland 'A'	135	+2	2.0	1.9	...
102½	82	Readicut	94	+½	3.4	4.6	...
53	35	SEET	41	...	...	...	...
94	72	Sirdar	88	+1	5.1	7.3	15.5
70	44	Stirling Gp	63½	-1½	1.8	3.7	...
51	42	Stoddard	45	...	2.6	7.3	12.0
312	250	Tomkinsons	285	...	11.5	4.9	25.5
63½	32½	West Trust	41	...	...	7.6	...
417	252	Yorklyde	393	-4	10.4	3.3	12.9

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	411	BAT	431	+11	...	5.4	16.2
690	584½	Rothmans 'B'	665	+15	10.2	1.9	15.2

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
440	349	Assoc Br Ports	440	+3	...	2.4	...
813	717	BAA	723	+5	...	2.8	19.0
312	249	Br Airways	302	+6	...	4.4	16.5
106	56	Clarkson (H)	88	...	1.5	2.1	...
25	23	Davies Newman	23	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	420	...	...	...	...
52	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
160	126	Graig	153	+3	...	...	...
188	147	IoM Steam	188	...	...	5.3	9.0
34	24	Jacobs (JI)	32	...	0.5	2.0	...
84	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	84	...	...	1.5	16.2
2250	1282½	Manchstr Sh	2100	...	4.5	0.3	11.5
349	280	Mersey Docks	343	...	7.5	2.7	22.0
210	181	Natl Express	202	+1	...	4.4	14.5
284	236	NFC	244	+1	6.5	3.4	18.4
302	244	Ocean Group	289	+5	...	6.2	34.0
65	40	Ocean Wilson	60	+1	4.0	8.3	10.9
648	504	P & O Dfd	630	...	...	6.1	34.2
152	127	P & O 5 1/2%	150	-1	...	4.6	...
555	448	Powell Duffryn	533	+1	22.6	5.3	...
140	117	Seacon	126	...	...	4.7	8.6
139	112	Stagecoach	131	-1	...	3.6	16.8
42	24	TIP Europe	41½	...	1.4	4.2	10.1
50½	31½	TNT	48½	+1	...	...	...
765	624	Tibbet & Britn	735	...	11.8	2.0	28.2
382	173	Tiphook	341	+6	17.3	6.3	6.8
298	231	TDG	232	...	9.5	5.1	...

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
533	455	Anglian Water	476	+9	...	5.7	9.4
652	547	Northumbrian	555	-1	...	5.1	5.9
533	451½	North West	467	+10	...	5.7	8.3
533	439	Severn Trent	461	+6	...	5.7	6.8
554	454	Shrn Water	479	-2	...	5.6	7.5
1350	1225	Sth Staffs	1305	+2	47.0	4.5	...
569	465	South West	485	+2	...	6.1	8.0
568	454	Thames Water	470	-11	...	5.6	8.8
612	506	Welsh Water	574	+2	21.4	4.7	6.6
649	536	Wessex Water	553	-5	...	4.9	8.7
593	479½	Yorkshire W	479	+3	...	5.5	8.2

Source: Finstat

♦ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ↓ Ex all; ‖ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
103¹¹⁄₃₂	100	Treas 12½% 1993	100	...	12.50	...
100⅜	99²³⁄₃₂	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.74
106⅝	101⅝	Treas 13¾% 1993	103⅛	...	13.30	5.45
102²³⁄₃₂	101⅜	Treas 8¼% 1994	101⅞	...	8.35	5.87
109⅛	105¹¹⁄₃₂	Treas 14½% 1994	105⅝	...	13.69	5.58
109⅛	106⅝	Exch 13½% 1994	106⅝	...	12.67	5.55
105⅝	104⅛	Treas 10% 1994	104⅛	...	9.61	5.64
110⅛	107⅛	Exch 12¼% 1994	107⅛	...	11.62	5.74
105⅛	103⅛	Treas 9% 1994	104⅛	+⅛	8.64	5.82
111⅛	108⅛	Treas 12% 1995	109⅛	...	11.00	5.92
96⅛	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96	...	3.13	5.35
109⅛	107⅛	Exch 10¼% 1995	107⅛	+⅛	9.50	6.13
116⅛	113⅛	Treas 12¾% 1995	114⅛	+⅛	11.17	6.27
120⅛	117⅛	Treas 14% 1996	117⅛	+⅛	11.91	6.51
125⅛	121⅛	Treas 15¼% 1996	122⅛	+⅛	12.48	6.59
120⅛	116⅛	Exch 13¼% 1996	117⅛	+⅛	11.31	6.64
111⅛	108⅛	Conv 10% 1996	109⅛	+⅛	9.14	6.79
122⅛	118⅛	Treas 13¼% 1997	119⅛	+⅛	11.08	6.96
113⅛	110⅛	Exch 10½% 1997	111⅛	+⅛	9.44	6.96
108⅛	105⅛	Treas 8¾% 1997	105⅛	+⅛	8.24	7.00
132⅛	127⅛	Exch 15% 1997	128⅛	+⅛	11.67	7.20
112⅛	109⅛	Exch 9¾% 1998	109⅛	+⅛	8.87	7.16
103⅛	99⅛	Treas 7¼% 1998	100⅛	+⅛	7.18	6.99
101	97⅛	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	99	+⅛	6.82	7.00
129⅛	125⅛	Treas 14% 1998-01	126⅛	+⅛	11.09	7.50

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
138⅛	133⅛	Treas 15½% 1998	135⅛	+⅛	11.48	7.38
122⅛	118⅛	Exch 12% 1998	119⅛	+⅛	10.03	7.50
112⅛	108⅛	Treas 9½% 1999	109⅛	+⅛	8.67	7.36
124⅛	120⅛	Exch 12¼% 1999	121⅛	+⅛	10.08	7.58
117⅛	112⅛	Treas 10½% 1999	114⅛	+⅛	9.18	7.43
117⅛	112⅛	Conv 10¼% 1999	112⅛	+⅛	9.01	7.48
110⅛	106	Conv 9% 2000	108⅛	+⅛	8.33	7.42
131	125⅛	Treas 13% 2000	127⅛	+⅛	10.17	7.78
115⅛	109⅛	Treas 10% 2001	112⅛	+⅛	8.86	7.73
114⅛	108⅛	Treas 9¾% 2002	112⅛	+⅛	8.60	7.86
109⅛	97⅛	Treas 8% 2003	101⅛	+⅛	7.87	7.76
116⅛	109⅛	Treas 10% 2003	114⅛	+⅛	8.75	7.92
122⅛	116⅛	Treas 11½% 2001-04	119⅛	+⅛	9.60	8.00
74⅛	67⅛	Fund 3½% 1999-04	73	+⅛	4.79	7.06
112⅛	105⅛	Conv 9½% 2004	110⅛	+⅛	8.56	8.00
112⅛	105⅛	Conv 9½% 2005	110⅛	+⅛	8.56	8.05
131⅛	124⅛	Treas 12½% 2003-05	129⅛	+⅛	9.68	8.25
101⅛	94⅛	Treas 8% 2002-06	100⅛	+⅛	7.99	8.01
125⅛	118⅛	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	123⅛	+⅛	9.54	8.21
104⅛	97⅛	Treas 8½% 2007	103⅛	+⅛	8.22	8.09
139⅛	131⅛	Treas 13½% 2004-08	136⅛	+⅛	9.88	8.27

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
108⅛	101⅛	Treas 9% 2008	107⅛	+⅛	8.37	8.13
99⅛	92⅛	Treas 8% 2009	98⅛	+⅛	8.11	8.16
108⅛	100⅛	Conv 9% 2011	107⅛	+⅛	8.39	8.20
108⅛	100⅛	Treas 9% 2012	107⅛	+⅛	8.39	8.24
76⅛	70⅛	Treas 5½% 2008-12	75⅛	+⅛	7.25	7.96
97⅛	89⅛	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	94⅛	+⅛	8.18	8.27
97⅛	93⅛	Treas 8% 2013	97⅛	+⅛	8.20	8.24
139⅛	125⅛	Exch 12% 2013-17	135⅛	+⅛	8.96	8.48
105⅛	97⅛	Treas 8¾% 2017	106⅛	+⅛	8.56	8.29

UNDATED

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
42⅛	38⅛	War Ln 3½%	41⅛	+⅛	8.40	...
30⅛	27⅛	Treas 2½%	30⅛	+1⅛	8.13	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
134⅛	131⅛	Treas IL 2% 1994	134⅛	...	...	1.32
197⅛	194⅛	Treas IL 2% 1996	196⅛	...	2.01	2.86
109⅛	105⅛	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108⅛	+⅛	2.39	3.02
166⅛	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165⅛	+⅛	2.89	3.26
163⅛	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162⅛	+⅛	2.98	3.20
111⅛	105⅛	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	110⅛	+⅛	3.07	3.37
170⅛	159⅛	Treas IL 2% 2006	169⅛	+⅛	3.10	3.34
154⅛	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	153⅛	+⅛	3.26	3.47
159⅛	149⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2011	158⅛	+⅛	3.38	3.52
131⅛	122⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2013	130⅛	+⅛	3.38	3.56
139⅛	130⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2016	138⅛	+⅛	3.45	3.62
133⅛	124⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132⅛	+⅛	3.51	3.65
111⅛	102⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110⅛	+⅛	3.52	3.65
111⅛	103⅛	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	111⅛	+⅛	3.51	3.65

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Group has designs on cash for growth

BY DEREK HARRIS

NEW Designers in Business is an informal mutual-aid group of more than 60 fledgling but thriving entrepreneurs and further expansion is planned. Its members mainly produce furniture, lighting, textiles, ceramics and glass, but the woman behind the group wants to bring in women's fashion design as well as emphasising burgeoning product design.

The group's progenitor is Peta Levi, a journalist who was made an MBE in this year's Birthday Honours. Ten years ago she held the first annual "New Designers" exhibition which aims to bridge the gap between Britain's 13,000 graduating designers and industry. This year's exhibition is from July 15 to 18 at the Business Design Centre in Islington, London. Official opening at a trade department evening on July 14 will be by Baroness Denton, the small firms minister.

The exhibition, with an associated award scheme, worked thanks to sponsorship support from industrial concerns and many City livery companies even though funds were much thinner on the ground once the recession bit in 1990.

The new group was launched 15 months ago with a tiny sponsorship budget of £18,000. For the planned expansion, the aim is to raise £100,000.

Ms Levi, who takes no pay, said: "I help them to establish their markets at a time when they have neither the financial nor physical resources to do it themselves." The help is threefold: organising group stands at international trade fairs, providing free promotion such as poster-directories, and providing in-service training to strengthen business skills.

The group made such an impact at the international furniture fair in Cologne in January that it has been invited to exhibit free at five overseas locations. The group's next series of seminars will be on exploiting computer technology, hosted by Wolff Olins, a leading design consultant.

Contact: Peta Levi, 071-435 4348.



"I'm looking for someone to advise them on how to refrain from throttling their bank managers"

Sorbet venture bears fruit

BY DAVID THURLOW

DEREK and Carolyn Newman set out exact plans for their life when they married 19 years ago. One was to live within four hours of London in a beautiful location — which they did by buying a converted farmhouse at Wiverton, a mile from Blakeney on the Norfolk coast.

Mr Newman was a management consultant with his own business, his wife a television production assistant before successfully running her own recruitment agency for women executives.

There was a problem, however, when they decided they would like to work together after the birth of their daughter, Rebecca, 14 years ago. In north Norfolk, there is neither industry nor business to enable high flyers to do this. So they looked for a business idea that would demand little capital.

Eventually they discovered a market gap: sorbets. But there was a snag. Mrs Newman said: "Neither of us had any background in the food business. We decided we could not compete at the cheaper volume end of the market. So we chose excellence and to compete at that level."

With capital of £10,000, and ignoring warnings from experts, they set up their sorbet factory in an outhouse. They also bought a van with a freezer.

Mr Newman said: "We started nine years ago at the time when there was an enormous interest by the public in what they are and a great demand for natural foods."

They made additive-free sorbets using the name Prospero, chosen for its optimistic Shakespearean overtones.

They started by doing the rounds of hotels, restaurants and delicatessens in East Anglia. In their second year, a customer suggested they put some products on show at an international food exhibition. They have never looked back.

Growth was running at 30 per cent a year early on and is now about 10 per cent. The first year turnover was £40,000 and this year should be about £500,000.

They have moved from the outhouse to a factory unit in the small market town of Holt and now employ 14 people.

Mr Newman said: "We started it with our savings and it has always been self-funding. We thought it would just be a small local business but it has grown far beyond expectation into a sound and successful one."

They make more than 100 different products, with 150 flavours of sorbet, plus mousses, gateaux, pancakes and puddings either in bulk or to individual order. Their customers include Harrods, Selfridges, Harvey Nichols and several thousand hotels and restaurants.

Mrs Newman said: "Now we have been asked to deliver our products into the Common Market following the latest international food show. All the time we are growing and expanding."

ALBAN DONOHOE



Frozen assets: Derek and Carolyn Newman at their factory.

BRIEFING

Small businesses will be increasingly asked about their environmental practice and standards, Business in the Community says. BITC gave the warning as it brought out a guide to principles and guidelines for environmental management in purchasing and supply. Research for the guide, carried out among 300 key companies in association with KPMG Peat Marwick, the accountant and consultant, and the Institute of Purchasing and Supply, showed anomalies in current practices for suppliers and purchasers. In particular, the guide aims to smooth out relationships between the big companies, which account for the lion's share of purchasing, and the suppliers, many of which are small businesses. For details, contact BITC at 8 Stratton Street, London W1X 5FD; telephone 071-629 1600.

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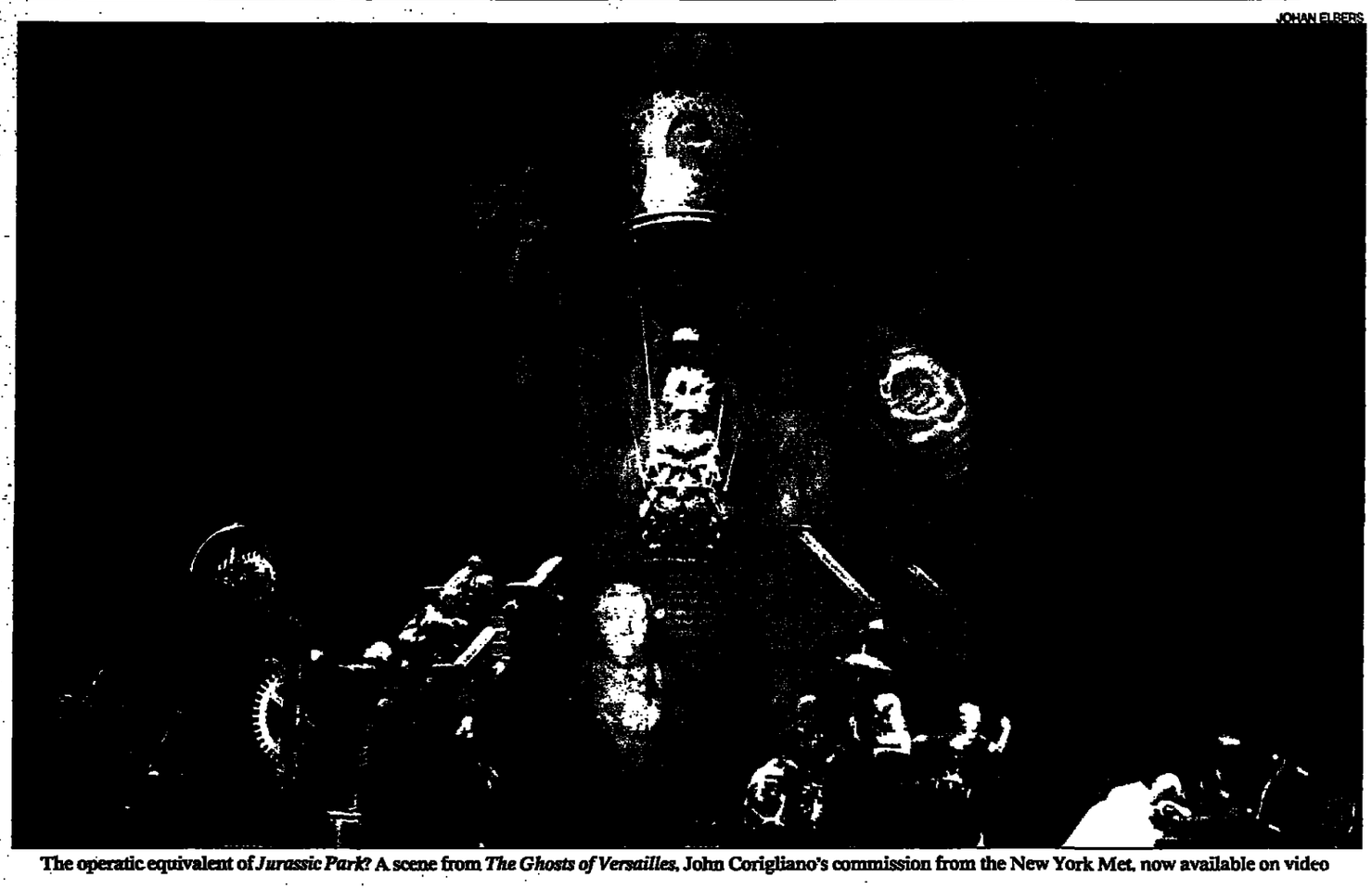
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Rebirth of extinct species?

JOHAN ELBERS



The operatic equivalent of *Jurassic Park*? A scene from *The Ghosts of Versailles*, John Corigliano's commission from the New York Met, now available on video

First, a pre-emptive pinch of salt. New York is the world capital of extreme emotions. Succeed in New York and you are proclaimed the greatest. Fail, and you are the pits. So when the Metropolitan Opera in New York decided to commission a new opera (quite a decision; it had done nothing new for 25 years) the result was always likely to be greeted either with total ecstasy or unmitigated scorn.

Twelve years in the making, John Corigliano's *The Ghosts of Versailles* was premiered at the Met 18 months ago. Ecstasy carried the day. The opera, said the *Los Angeles Times*, had achieved "the kind of popular triumph that composers, librettists and opera companies hardly dare even fantasise about these days". The *New York Times* went even further: "Listeners walked up the aisles at the intermission discussing their favorite arias and ensembles."

> 'The public has been bored, baffled or alienated too often'

Their *favorite arias*? Nobody has written an aria for decades — at least, not one that anybody would describe as a *favorite*. What do we have here, the operatic equivalent of *Jurassic Park*?

In a way, yes. Let me set the scene. Once upon a time, operatic dinosaurs roamed Europe at will. There was the wild *Toscasaurus*, the fantastical *Turandotops*, the majestic *Traviata Rex*. They fed on melody, and perhaps their emotions were too big for their brains. But people loved them.

Then came the Great Musical Ice Age. Melody dried up. The operatic dinosaurs tried to develop bigger brains; strange, convoluted hybrids like the *Wozzeck* and the *Pelléas* emerged. But people found them oddly repulsive, not endearing. The operatic dinosaurs became extinct, and their fossils were exhibited in expensive museums called Opera Houses. Every capital city had to have one, and each museum tried to dress up its dinosaur fossils in a different way. But nobody could figure out how to create new, living dinosaurs that the public would love as much as the extinct ones.

A very clever American, John Corigliano, hit on a solution. The mistake, he felt, was that people were trying to create dinosaurs that were frightfully modern and original, when what the public wanted was something recognisably dinosaur-like. "There are no truly successful dinosaurs in the 20th century," he told *The Times*. Actually he said "operas" not "dinosaurs", but you get the drift.

So Corigliano decided, like our mad professorial friend in *Jurassic Park*, to create his own dinosaur by sampling some ancient DNA extracted from a legendary creature of the past: Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*. It's obvious, when you think about it. The public already knows the main characters: Figaro, Count Almaviva, Cherubino. They already know the tunes. The composer is half-way to a hit before putting a note on paper.

At this point we will abandon the Jurassic metaphor — not a paragraph too soon, discerning readers may feel. How Corigliano and his ingenious librettist, William Hoffman, got the rest of the way to their hit deserves serious analysis, because it raises fundamental questions about opera's future. Happily, the Met's lavish production of *The Ghosts of Versailles* can be studied closely on a new video (Deutsche Grammophon 072 430-3).

To make his philosophy work, Corigliano needed a pretext to write old-fashioned tunes. So Hoffman conceived a clever play-within-a-play device. The "ghosts" are Marie Antoinette, Louis XVI and other decapitated blue-bloods of the ill-fated 1789 vintage. They are all suspended in a kind of post-execution limbo, because Marie Antoinette will not accept her destiny.

To while away a few aeons, Beaumarchais — creator of the Figaro plays — devises an entertainment involving the whole Almaviva household. And because he is in love with Marie Antoinette he decides that, through his play, he will change history: the queen will be saved from the guillotine. In the end, however, the queen accepts her fate; the guillotine falls, and she and Beaumarchais enter Paradise.

The advantage of this Stoppard-like, sleight-of-history plot is obvious. If Corigliano's best tunes sound like rewrites of Mozart and Rossini he can immediately counter: "yes, these are the same characters, so of course they will 'remember' those tunes." The quotations come thick and fast, and not all are meant to be ironic, I fear. Yet because the ghosts do not belong to this Mozartian world, Corigliano can write for them in a much more "normal" 20th-century way — angular lines, anguished harmony, heavily reminiscent of late Britten — and thus establish his "modern" credentials.

If that makes Corigliano sound more like a pocket calculator than a pocket composer, it does him an injustice. For *The Ghosts* has a thought-provoking subtext: it seems to be about the death of opera itself.

Marie Antoinette could easily symbolise opera: trapped, neither dead nor alive, in limbo. "We must move with the times," an exasperated Louis XVI shouts at his wife. "We are dead!" But she refuses initially to accept this passive role in the after-life of history — just as opera houses refuse to accept "museum" status.

Meanwhile, her necklace — which plays a vital part in Beaumarchais's play — could clearly stand for the vast "unnecessary" expenditure needed to finance opera houses. "I seize this," cries the dastardly revolutionary leader Bégearss, "in the name of the poor, and to house the homeless." That cry sounds familiar. But Bégearss is shown to be lining his own pockets, not housing the homeless.

In fact, the work's sympathy lies with the aristocrats — provided, of course, they accept that they have no future. Similarly, with this opera Corigliano seems to be saying that the only way to create a new work with any meaning for the mainstream audience is to clone from an old opera. For New York Met, read Jurassic Park.

But this is a gloomy prognosis. Is going backwards the only way to go forwards? The operatic hierarchy in Britain at least would vigorously dispute this, pointing to work by Harrison Birtwistle, Mark Anthony Turnage and Jonathan Harvey as evidence that "progressive" operatic composition is alive and well.

However, a distinction must be drawn between pieces that are well received by critics, and those that produce house-full notices. The grim truth is that, generally, new operas are not popular. The public has been bored, disappointed, baffled or alienated too often in our century to be caught again. And the public is right to be wary, as the recent, dismal London presentation of 20 mediocre mini-operas written by young composers confirms.

Even *Power House*, the paean of self-congratulation published by the departing English National Opera management, allows that ENO's series of new operas "remains, like much modern art, an exercise for professionals rather than for the audience... indeed, composers in general show little sign of giving a damn for the audience."

Whatever his shortcomings, Corigliano can never be accused of not giving a damn for his audience. *The Ghosts* is brilliant entertainment, and does not insult the brain either. Yet the knives are already out for its composer. He took the "easy option", say his detractors. I disagree. Corigliano's newly-cloned dinosaur may be imperfect, but it lives. The message to other composers must be: instead of knocking it, write one that the public will like even more.

Returning exiles royally entertain

The Return of Helen
Concert Hall, Athens

Since last year's inauguration, the new Athens Concert Hall has gone from strength to strength. Local legend relates how an increasingly thin-lipped President Mitterrand was recently shown round and given a demonstration of the remarkable acoustics; I imagine there will have been some sharp telephone calls to the perpetrators of the Bastille Opéra upon his return to Paris. This imaginatively administered facility is indeed transforming Greek musical life.

Following last year's "Elektra" cycle, this summer was centred on Helen of Troy, with performances of Euripides, Strauss's *Egyptian Helen*, Gluck's *Iphigénie en Tauride* and a new Greek opera, Thanos Mikroutsikos's *The Return of Helen*.

There are two salient points about it: it is in one act and lasts two hours and 20 minutes, which I shyly submit is too long; and it was fully cast before Mikroutsikos wrote a note of it. This return to standard 18th- and 19th-century practice, combined with the fact that Mikroutsikos certainly knows how to write for the voice, meant that simply at a vocal level it was extremely impressive. The most important thing about the whole enterprise was that fine Greek singers had returned from other European countries to sing a new work specially tailored for them, to sing in Greek and to appreciative Greek audiences (the three performances were sold out).

Mikroutsikos's musical language offers no threat to Darmstadt and its successors; Stockhausen can sleep safely in his bed. Mikroutsikos knows and loves his Strauss and his Britten; there is even an occasional whiff of Korngold. This is big, luscious stuff, firmly based on the beauty of the human voice and indeed of the Greek language. Mikroutsikos's skilful scoring for chamber orchestra meant that the words were so consistently audible as to make the use of surtitles otiose.

The action centres on Helen (mezzo), back in Sparta and on the psychiatrist's couch. She is forced first to recognise the callousness of her earlier self (coloratura soprano) in Troy, indifferent to the slaughter she has caused, and then to relive the decision of Helen in Egypt (lyric soprano) to return home (a nod in the direction of Hofmannsthal's libretto for Strauss). We end with the Spartan Helen feeling a great deal better and singing a *Rosenkavalier*-style trio with her consoeurs. If we had ended a good half-hour earlier, everyone else would have felt better too.

Pierre Constant's production in a spectacular set by Roberto Platé demonstrated the easy adaptability of the hall for operatic purposes, and the conductor Alexandros Myrat kept the score moving with considerable tact. But the singing was the thing. Alexandra Papatziakou (Helen of Sparta) has developed into a really interesting, warm and steady dramatic mezzo; Jenny Drivala, the Coliseum's Mary Stuart some years back, suggested Helen of Troy's brittleness with sparkling coloratura and a doubtless unconscious near-quote from *La traviata*; Martha Arapi, the Egyptian Helen, was new to me, with a beautifully lyrical quality to her voice and the sort of musicianship that would make her a natural Straussian.

Menelaus was also subdivided into the young baritone Christoforos Stamboglis and the hefty tenor Vangelis Hatzisimos. If the concert hall meant only that audiences were going to hear singing of this quality, then it would already have done enough. But it is doing so much more.

RODNEY MILNES



Patricia Rozario as Sandrina: best singing at Garsington

Haydn at home in this manor

L'infedeltà delusa
Garsington Manor

Temporarily bereft of Glyndebourne, those for whom opera is a social event are descending on Garsington in Oxfordshire in greater numbers than ever this year, the company's fifth season. Against the backdrop of the Jacobean manor house and the gardens designed by the Bloomsburyites Philip and Ottoline Morrell, the unfolding action offers an unparalleled aesthetic experience. Needless to say, it has been hijacked by the nobs, with high prices and formal dress effectively keeping out intruders.

This season offers three newly mounted productions: Strauss's *Ariadne auf Naxos*, Mozart's *Marriage of Figaro* and — continuing a commendably innovative series — Haydn's *L'infedeltà delusa*. The merits of Haydn's operas are still to be fully tested on the British stage, at least, but on the strength of this hugely enjoyable production by Anthony Besch, conducted by Wasfi Kani, *L'infedeltà delusa* deserves a regular place in the repertory.

The acting area is the courtyard of Garsington Manor (086-736 636), with its decorative fountain, well and climbing roses. Peter Rice's sets cleverly switch the location from exterior to interior, and Besch makes good use of the entrances of the manor house itself, which become the exits of the stage area. His ability to grasp the comic potential of the music leads to some fine moments, as when two of the characters deliver a fast, furious duet, shovelling away mouthfuls of spaghetti between phrases.

The snobbish insistence on singing in Italian means that a good deal of the comic dialogue goes for nothing. As one of the few who chose to grapple with the printed translation provided, I appreciated the penchant of Vespina (disguised as an old hag) for spattering her recitative with platitudes (to a halo of strings). I also relished the irony, unfortunately lost on this audience, of Sandrina rejecting fine clothes and luxury in favour of true love.

This fabulous aria, "E la pompa", drew from Patricia Rozario the best singing of the evening, deftly coloured and sensitively phrased. As her lover Nanni, David Mattinson gave great promise in Act I; I regretted that the composer failed to allot him an aria in Act II.

By comparison, Claire Daniels's Vespina was more one-dimensional in tone, though her attractive voice and acting talent won her much applause. It was less easy to warm to the abrasive, patchy Nencio of Paul Harrhy. Philip Doghan's Filippo completed the cast. Wasfi Kani's cracking tempos swept the action along, but too often at the expense of shapely, characterful phrasing. There are further performances on Friday, June 29, July 1 and 5.

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A fresh breeze from the Rio de la Plata to the Thames

Nadine Meisner previews the London season of the Tango Para Dos company from Argentina

DEE CONWAY



Miguel Angel Zotto and Milena Plebs of Tango Para Dos

Jorge Luis Borges, the Argentine author, said that he wrote in order "to ease the passing of time"; and it was for the same reason that his compatriots danced. The poverty-stricken, homesick immigrants of Buenos Aires danced especially in the Italian district of La Boca, with its painted, corrugated-iron houses, where the tango was born in the 1880s.

Just as different generations have rediscovered the tango, so young people today are becoming addicted, hooked by professional touring groups. Tango Argentino, which appeared in London two years ago, gave its audiences loiche glamour and mature couples of strenuous, time-defying elegance. Tango Para Dos, coming to Sadler's Wells, has a more youthful appeal, with three young couples, led by Miguel Angel Zotto and Milena Plebs.

Tango's closest ancestor is the *milonga*, the music and dance of the Rio de la Plata, blended with the Hispanic rhythms of the Cuban *habanera* and the *candombé* dance of the black population, once large but now mysteriously disappeared. "The young men in the bars, the *compadritos*, used to imitate the blacks who drew figure-of-eight patterns in the dust with their dance," Miguel explains. Higher Argentine society only accepted the tango when it became fashionable in Europe in the 1920s, made simpler, more formal and respectable. Dancers such as Casimiro "El Vasco" Ain performed internationally; he taught Valentino, who brought the tango to the screen.

Where is the tango danced in Buenos Aires today? In the tourist cabarets of course; but the best, most authentic places are the 50 or so tango halls or *milongas*, where the *milongueros*, amateur dancers, gather in the early hours.

Milena and Miguel are former members of Tango Argentino who founded Tango Para Dos initially with just themselves. Miguel was an amateur, encouraged by a theatrical and tango-mad family. Milena, classically trained, was a member of Argentina's foremost contemporary dance troupe.

In the show they evoke the evolution of different styles: the faster *milonga*; the male couples of the early days; the Argentine tango; and European and American versions. "In the Argentine the movements are all in the legs with intricate steps; there are no head turns; it is serious and concentrated," Milena says. Whereas in the American or European forms "the legs do simple things; the upper body is used and the head executes sharp motions. It can look grotesque."

Tango music has also shifted with each decade. The bandoneon was a later addition from Germany, joining the guitar, flute and violin. "It gave the tango its personality," says Daniel Binelli, the company's music director, "that sound of lament or grief." The piano was also subsequently incorporated, and sometimes the saxophone, as in this ensemble.

Tango Para Dos has transcended the conventional tango revue to offer dance theatre. A sinister black-dressed couple conjure up notions of fate and death. Osvaldo Zotto (Miguel's brother) performs a cheerful football solo, and a trio dances *milonga* as a comic pimp and his prostitutes.

"We let people see that tango can have humour," says Milena, "or that you can dance smiling." So why is the tango commonly perceived as sad? "It is just that the faces are concentrated because the man must improvise the movements and lead the woman. So you must be very focused and listen to the music and feel it."

Miguel and Milena break new ground in dancing varied styles, rather than being associated with only one. They are blowing a bracing gust of air through the world of tango.

● Tango Para Dos *opens at Sadler's Wells (071-278 8916) tomorrow and continues there until July 10*

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

LONDON

SPITALFIELDS FESTIVAL: This enterprising and wide-ranging festival in the setting of Hawksmoor's Christ Church (currently being restored to its original baroque glory), continues with a concert of Monteverdi madrigals given by the Consort of Musicke under the direction of Anthony Rooley
Christ Church, Commercial Street, EC1 (071-377 1362), 7.30pm

TANGO PARA DOS: The tango has come a long way since its origins among the pimps and prostitutes of Buenos Aires. *Now dressed up — and cleaned up* — the blend of dancer, singer and musician has become fashionable as raunchy entertainment for theatregoers. Tango Para Dos is a young Argentinian troupe making its British debut with 33 pieces of work that trace the history of the tango. (*See feature, page 31.*)
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916) Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm.

INQUEST OF LOVE: Jonathan Harvey's bold, new opera for English National Opera combines electronics with conventional instrumental and vocal sounds to spell-binding effect. The story is of three souls trying to discover through the past a lasting peace, and draws on the writings of people who have had "near-death" experiences, as well as on Buddhist influences. The cast includes Linda McLeod, Peter Coleman-Wright, Helen Field, Ethna Robinson, Richard Van Allan. Mark Elder conducts.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm, final perf

KEZIAH JONES: The Nigerian vocalist and bluesy rock-funk guitarist performs songs from his new, six-track EP.
Subterania, 12 Acklam Road, W10 (081-960 4590), 8pm.

REGIONAL

ABERDEEN: Harold King's troupe, **London City Ballet**, has already announced its closure, set for July 3, so the final two weeks of its summer tour will be the last for the 15-year-old company. LCB moves to Aberdeen with *Ben Stevenson's* pleasing production of *Romeo and Juliet*, one of the company's most popular offerings.
His Majesty's Theatre, Rosemount Viaduct (0224 641122). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat. 2.30pm.

BIRMINGHAM: Beverley Craven is ably supported by singer-songwriter Martyn Joseph on this big-venue tour
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (021-212 3333), 7pm.

BIRMINGHAM: The R&B stalwarts **King Pleasure and the Biscuit Boys**, whose latest CD, *Live at Ronnie Scott's*, captures the party atmosphere of their gigs, embark on a 100-date tour.
Ronnie Scott's, Broad Street (021-643 4525). Tonight-Sat. 7.30pm.

CRAWLEY: Diversions, the 12-strong dance company from Wales, presents *Highly Strung*, a three-part programme exploring relationships, choreographed by the company's Frances Newman, Ann Sholem and Roy Campbell-Moore, and set to music by Gareth Davies, Kathryn Locke and Lynne Plowman.
Hawth Studio, *Hawth Avenue* (0293 553636), 7.45pm.

EDINBURGH: The Celtic crusaders **Clannad** celebrate their 20th year with a new album, *Banba*.
Usher Hall, Clerk Street (031-228 1155), 7pm.

SOUTHAMPTON: Welsh National Opera does its bit for the Tchaikovsky centenary celebrations with a new production of *Eugene Onegin*, produced by Howard Davies and conducted by Carlo Rizzi (tonight, Thurs). The touring repertoire also includes a new staging of Donizetti's rarely staged *La favorite*, one of the most popular of the composer's operas in the 19th century (Sat), and the perennial favourite *La Bohème* (tomorrow, Fri)
Mayflower Theatre, Commercial Road (0703 229771), eves, 7.15pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ House full, returns only
◧ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **ALI:** Impressive performance by Geoffrey C. Ewing as Muhammad Ali, old and young.
Mermaid, Puddle Dock, Blackfriars, EC4 (071-410 0000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

◧ **CITY OF ANGELS.** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat. 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm 180mins.

■ **CRAZY FOR YOU** Thrillingly-staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ ***A DAY IN THE DEATH OF JOE EGG.*** Peter Nichols successfully updates his ground-breaking first play. With Clive Owen and Elizabeth Garvie
King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat and Sun, 3.30pm. 135mins

■ ***THE DEARLY BELOVED*** Philip Osment's subtle and compassionate look at the tensions raging below the surface in a small West Country town.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat. 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm 150mins.

□ ***AN EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER:*** Comic fantasies among the football-watching classes.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 120mins

◧ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON:** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm 165mins

■ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins

□ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Stephen Daldry's thrilling Expressionist production of Priestley's soul-searcher.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.15pm. 115mins.

□ ***THE INVISIBLE MAN.*** A breathtaking adaptation when the magic tricks take over the action.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins

□ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and *touching Arthur Miller premiere.* Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins.

□ **LEONARDO.** The young master's supposed love for Lisa turned into a musical: great sets but daft story.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, 3pm and Sat, 4.30pm 165mins

□ **LYSISTRATA:** Geraldine James in Peter Hall's production where organs and actions are called by their proper (improper?) names and the men sport rampant, rubber phalluses.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road. SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 90mins.

□ **THE SHOWMAN** Alan Bates is clever and funny as Thomas Bernhard's self-obsessed actor but the play does not mount to much. final week.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Fri, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 140mins

□ **ROMEO AND JULIET:** Judi Dench directs her first Shakespeare at Regent's Park. Rebecca Callard and Zubin Varla play the young lovers.
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431). Tonight-Thurs, 8pm, mat Wed, Thurs, 2.30pm

□ **SWEENEY TODD:** Declan Donnellan's superb staging of Sondheim's subtle, savage musical. Alun Armstrong and Julia McKenzie play the leads.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2pm and 7.30pm. 180mins.

□ **TRANSLATIONS:** British mapmakers erase Gaelic place names in 1833 Donegal: clear production of Brian Friel's subtle play exploring the uses of language.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

LONG RUNNERS: □ ***Blood Brothers:*** Phoenix (071-867 1044) □ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . ◧ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) . . □ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ◧ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) . . ◧ **It Runs in the Family:** Playhouse (071-839 4401) ◧ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) . . . ◧ **Kiss of the Spider Woman:** Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) . . . ◧ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ◧ **Miss Saigon:** *Theatre Royal, Drury Lane* (071-494 5400) . . . □ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . □ **On The Piste:** Garrick (071-494 5085) . . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . ◧ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . □ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) . . . □ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **BORN YESTERDAY:** Needless update of George Cukor's 1950 film from Garson Kanin's *Pygmalion* play, redeemed by John Goodman
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574)

◆ **BOXING HELENA.** Jennifer (daughter of David) Lynch's daft Grand Guignol, with Julian Sands madly *amputating his lover's limbs.*
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **FIRE IN THE SKY.** Dim, thin "true-story" anecdote with D B. Sweeney as an Arizona lumberjack snatched by extra-terrestrials.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **MATINEE:** Joe Dante's chaotic but endearing send-up of 1960s horror pictures, with John Goodman as a schlock producer.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310).

◆ **SAVAGE NIGHTS:** A frenzied love story and an HIV-positive hero, based on the film's deceased writer-director-star, Cyril Collard.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520).

THE TRIAL: Harold Pinter's adaptation, directed by David Jones, fails to solve the problems of making Kafka cinematic.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233).

CURRENT

◆ **ARMY OF DARKNESS** (15): *Evil Dead* hero Bruce Campbell fights medieval England's undead. Exuberant horror parody from director Sam Raimi.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

LEOLO (18): Demanding, audacious, exciting journey through a Montreal family's madness and dreams. Writer-director, Jean-Claude Lauzon.
Metro (071-437 0757).

MEDITERRANEO (15): Misfit soldiers forget the second world war on a Greek island outpost. Affectionate, well-acted, light as air. Director, Gabriele Salvatore.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661) **Gate** (071-727 4043).

SOFIE (15): The spent life of a Jewish woman in late 19th century Denmark. Liv Ullmann's skilful, humane directorial debut, marvellously acted.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865)

UNTAMED HEART (15): Greatly endearing, off-beat romance. Tony Bill directs, with Rosie Perez.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) ***UCI Whiteleys*** (071-792 3332).

LONDON THEATRE: Fringe shows, long on titles but shorter on coherence

More splash than progress

Backstroke in a Crowded Pool
Bush

IN RECENT times, the Bush's tiny stage has successfully passed itself off as hill and glen, beach and forest glade: so I had no difficulty in believing that the theatre itself was a vast municipal swimming pool, with grannies doing the breaststroke more or less where I was sitting. Certainly Tracy Keating and Sophie Stanton, the actresses playing the pool attendants, did more than enough to bring credibility to the occasion. "Behave yourself," they yelled through their megaphones at my sedate colleague from *The Sunday Times*. "Go clockwise," they ordered the *Evening Standard*, blowing their whistles when he didn't. Any critic who dared nod off would clearly be yanked from his seat and given the kiss of life.

If that did not happen, it was because Jane Coles has a knack for creating lively characters and putting them in situations which, though sometimes further than far-fetched, are unquestionably arresting. Take Lynsey, the ingenuous girl played by Tracy Keating. She lives with her mother Carol (Belinda Sinclair), an animal-rights fanatic given to raiding scientific labs in a balaclava helmet and bringing home liberated rats and rabbits. Indeed, it eventually emerges that Lynsey has not been averse to a bit of urban terrorism herself. She is also in love with Hashim (Raji James), a Muslim taxi-driver very proud of his heritage, down to the ritual slaughter *of animals.*

Talk about awkward social situations. The supper party at which Lynsey introduces her mother to her boyfriend is not exactly a stunning success. Carol has been carrying out sorties on halal butchers, and Hashim knows it. He also suspects that her chums include Paki-bashers responsible for a humiliating attack on his own mother. If the late Ayatollah Khomeini had sat down at a table with the Animal Liberation Front's high command, the incongruity could hardly be greater; and it is a pity that Coles lets the scene slip by so rapidly, barely *exploiting the opportunities for dark* comedy and moral conflict it gives her.

But then the play as a whole has an uncertain feel. The tone veers from the jokey to the solemn: the language is sometimes colloquial, sometimes disconcertingly stilted. Yet there is enough talent in the writing to explain why the National Theatre's studio is co-producing the play with the Bush. Hashim's mother (Leena Dhingra), is particularly well observed, with her habit of comically fussing over visitors ("eat the whole box of chocolates, darling, we don't stand on ceremony here") whom she is in fact shrewdly observing. So is Tracy's chum Christine, who is played, and extremely well played, by Sophie Stanton as a doughty, dependable girl with little imagination but lots of decency.

Here, I think, is the centre of a sometimes scattered piece. The characters talk of love, God, their causes and cultural confusions, some of them striking fierce, extreme attitudes in the process. But Coles's sympathy is with such unpretentiously conscientious people as Christine. Where Lynsey can blithely contemplate blowing up a scientist and his children, she is still mourning the abortion she had when she was 14. Where Lynsey plans instant conversion to Islam, Christine soldiers doggedly on ("imagine being made love to by someone sober") with an all-English slob. It is a bit patronising to call folk like her the salt of the earth; but, however unexciting their tang, they are a lot more necessary than pepper.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



MARILYN KINGWILL

Fellow pool attendants and friends, with very different attitudes to life: Christine (Sophie Stanton, left) and Lynsey (Tracy Keating)

Mixed, mismatched

Groping for Trouts in a Peculiar River/ Chelsea Girls
BAC, Battersea/ Man in the Moon, SW3

THE phrase **Groping for Trouts in a Peculiar River** is a sexual innuendo. Stephen Jameson has fished it out of *Measure for Measure*, along with a bunch of Shakespeare's original scenes and the basic plot. The rest is his own and, regrettably, closer to codswallop.

The production brings out correlations between *Measure* and modern Britain: the law clamping down on private sexuality and the idea of a blue-blood ruler stepping down. But Jameson is trying to get his hooks into everything from Robert Maxwell to Group 4.

The cast are not bad and Jameson has his moments as a director. Communist-style workers plaster a wall with posters; twirling sticks with ribbons attached evoke the blur of *aeroplane propellers; Angelo strangles* Mariana to celestial music.

All the same, Jameson's rubbishing of Shakespeare's problem play by claiming he wrote an orthodox all-out happy ending is a crudely simplistic reading. Structurally, his alternative — a bloodbath caused by an escaped prisoner — is a nasty mess.

The velveteen bell-bottoms and flower-power placards are out in force. Chelsea Girls is a trio of short plays about the Sixties, written by women. *Donald Duck at the World's End* by Val Beer concerns a young couple, Jo *and Doug, living with her parents.* Jo, pretty immature, alternates between shouting at her father about CND and feminism and acting soppy with her husband. Lucie Fitchett (Jo) and Craig Edwards (Doug) act well, but the politics is laid on with a trowel.

In *A Night In*, by Jan Ruppe, two Oxford hippies, Crystal and Maureen, go tripping. Crystal gets high in her bedroom. Maureen takes a train to London for a peace demo and has a knife pulled on her. And, oh yes, she reveals right at the end that she has murdered her father. Crystal sees him *in a vision with an angel and the two* friends wave him off. Katie Dobson (Crystal) and Jane Lesley (Maureen) know what they are doing, but has the writer got her head on straight?

Sheila Goff's *Overlooking a Place of Flowers* makes the evening worthwhile, probably because she focuses on the personal far *more than the political.* Ronnie remembers not so much JFK's death as the suicide of Carol, the teenage sister of Ronnie's boyfriend. This is a beautifully structured piece that intersplices scenes and incorporates doo-wop songs. Simon Mills's lighting design sharply focuses the action and the singers are a delight. Mark Ravenhill's direction becomes slick and sensitive here. Siobhan Stamp (Ronnie) is *delicately* intense; Russell Levy (George), with a face like a horse and a body like a stick insect, caricatures a "wide boy" with fine control; and Jan Ruppe (Carol) is *superb:* comic one minute, putting a lump in your throat the next.

KATE BASSETT

COMEDY CABARET: Tony Patrick

Safely through customs

WATCHING an American comedian face a British audience for the first time is excellent, sometimes bloody sport. Despite the universal Yankification of popular culture, the differences between the niceties of United States and United Kingdom humour remain profound. All credit to **Carol Siskind**, whose debut last Friday at the Jongleurs, Battersea, was carried off in *style. She looked and sounded several* synapses ahead of the pack, finding her range with an immediate and accurate description of one group as looking like "The Brady Bunch Go Drinking", and then quickly getting into the meat of the matter, the ways in which women's behaviour and expectations differ from men's.

Universal truths — such as the fact that, compared to women's, men's lives are less stressful, since what they are wearing will be in style for the rest of their lives and that, in a relationship, two weeks is the equivalent of six or seven "girl years" — were interwoven *with direct conversations with people* in the crowd. In these, she turned up extraordinary responses, seamlessly incorporated into the act. One victim's attempt to evade attention by allowing her chauvinistic male partner to speak for them both elicited the congratulatory remark: "You've found the perfect woman: she has no voice at all."

As impressive on first encounter as Rita Rudner, with whom she shares an air of everyday glamour a world away from the likes of Jo Brand and Hattie Hayridge, Siskind did not, on this occasion, seem to have much affinity with those glossy Gorgons, Ruby Wax and Joan Rivers. *But her reflections on* weddings, with bridesmaids lined up like after-dinner mints or "hooker milkmaids", chosen by the bride so that the groom will be reassured that he has made the right choice, indicated that she could, to advantage, raise the acid level. I also liked her suggestion that men wanting to impress women with a tattoo should opt not for endearments but for the legend "I will always leave the toilet seat down".

Given the easy-going nature of the Battersea crowd, Siskind was never in danger of anything more wounding than the bemused indifference which greeted the Australian interval act, but neither was her winning assurance ever in danger of becoming arrogance, and she is a name to watch.

On the same bill, **Kevin Day** scored highly with his *observations* on London life and sex, his air of *whimsical exasperation lending* even the riskiest subjects appeal. His routine about "suspicious packages" and the stupidity of sending bombs in minicabs ("I'm calling about that cab I ordered three hours ago. It hasn't gone off yet.") produced nervous laughter, as did his confessions of inadequacy as a lover (not for publication in this newspaper). But at his mildest ("I say let the travellers go to Stonehenge: they might finish it.") he would be acceptable anywhere.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CINEMAS

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St. 071 465 8865 SOFIE (PG) Progs at 2.00, 5.00 & 8.00

CURZON PHOENIX Phoenix St, off Charing Cross Rd. 071 867 1044 **MEDITERRANEO** (15) Progs at 2.15 (not Sun), 4.15, 6.15 & 8.30

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TELEVISION REVIEW: Can chimpanzees be taught to use language? **Nigel Hawkes** on scientists' controversial attempts to talk to the animals

Last word in monkey business

Fancy a chat with a chimp? Lots of American psychologists do. And most of us, of course, are content to chatter amiably in the direction of the dog, or watch the latest PG Tips ad.

Last night's *Horizon* (BBC 2) put all such trivial pleasantries in their place with a dead serious account of the efforts to establish verbal communication with apes. To its proponents, this is more than just a series of interesting experiments: it is opening a window on language itself, and breaching the last barrier that separates mankind from the other creatures. Conversing with chimps has become, in fact, a bit of a crusade.

The reason for the gritted teeth and the air of embattlement is an ape wittily christened Nim Chimpsky. In the 1970s Herbert Terrace of Columbia University attempted to disprove the theories of language pundit Noam Chomsky — who asserts language to be uniquely human — by teaching his *alter ego* to speak sign language. He failed, and in doing so exposed the efforts of others in the field as little better than self-delusion.

The chimps they had purported to teach, including Washoe, the most famous of all, were not really talking, just mimicking their instructors. They knew words, but they did not possess language. Grammar and syntax were beyond them.

Terrace's broadside seemed to have killed the subject stone-dead, but it was only sleeping. For *Horizon*, Sue Savage-Rumbaugh of Georgia State University produced a new champion, Kanzi, a pygmy chimp (or bonobo) who talks a computer-based speech that involves selecting symbols on a keyboard and creating sentences from them.

Kanzi is indeed a very bright bonobo. He appears to understand and respond to a wide range of commands in spoken English, though his control of a golf buggy left a lot to be desired.

So far, it must be admitted, Kanzi has not said anything very profound. He listens well and has a big vocabulary, but has he begun to create sentences? This, after all, was the fence at which Washoe and Nim Chimpsky had been laid low. *Horizon* never really answered this question.

Certainly, Chomsky himself doubts it. To maintain that Kanzi has language is like saying a man can fly because he can jump in the air, he asserts. The whole field is gripped by "sentimental confusion". (But I know this only because I read it in the *Washington Post*, not because *Horizon* told me.)

Watching a series of psychologists — all women, interestingly — expounding the cleverness of their particular chimp was, certainly, rather reminiscent of young mothers chatting over their prams at the local health clinic. But babies, however ugly and backward, grow up into people able to discuss the affairs of the day. Chimps, on this evidence, will never do that.

Does it matter very much? It does to the trainers, who spent eight hours a day for months on end wandering through the forest with Kanzi recording his every utterance, and it does, I guess, to the chimps who are brought up as human babies and then tend to be shrugged off. If chimps are really as clever as two-year-old children then what is the responsibility of their trainers to them? We were shown Washoe, now 27, living in rather miserable circumstances.

This *Horizon* asked an interesting question, but gave no answer. Why was neither Chomsky nor Terrace interviewed? You cannot address a scientific controversy properly by airing only one side. Besides, it would have been much more fun to see the psychologists snapping at one another while the chimps went off for tea.

No longer sold on selling



Art for art's sake, rather than art to make a fast buck: Mark Dean, one of this year's BT prizewinners, maintains that young art made to be noticed and bought has had its day

Today's most promising young artists seem less obsessed with marketing than their Eighties predecessors, writes **Alison Roberts**

These days, young artists seem to be associated with either banks or huge corporations. After the Barclays Young Artist Award and the NatWest 90s Prize for Art comes the BT New Contemporaries: an exhibition of work by the mostly under-30s which opened on Friday in Manchester, and will later go on an extensive British tour.

When it first began in 1949, this show used to operate under the simple title Young Contemporaries. Throughout the Fifties it ran on a shoestring, financed by submission fees and catalogue sales. Its importance was probably greatest during the early Sixties. David Hockney, R.B. Kitaj and Patrick Caulfield all exhibited in the Young Contemporaries showcase. But the exhibition gave up the ghost later in that decade, with no money and no backers.

Although the show started up again in 1974, it was in 1989 that BT stepped into the breach and relaunched the touring exhibition, renaming the whole thing BT New Contemporaries. Another artistic institution bit the corporate sponsorship bullet — logo, photo opportunities and all.

The fact that big business sponsors young art with such enthusiasm is an irony fully appreciated by the five joint winners of the BT New Contemporaries competition, which ran as a precursor to the show. They contrast the present art-college scene with that which existed in the Eighties. Boomtime, a decade ago, taught young artists to be commercial, to operate in a businesslike manner and sell their work in a thriving marketplace.

When Damien Hirst was showcased by the New Contemporaries in 1989, young art had a far more positive image; it was afforded more respect partly because it was selling.

It is different now. The businessmen are patrons in a corporate sense. As individuals, bankers may no longer be able to afford the whimsical purchase of a piece of work by an unknown. Moreover, the artists no longer expect to go straight from college with a portfolio of work which will sell.

Marcus Coates, one of the five winners, whose re-working of portraits by Van Eyck and Van der Weyden are done in oil and photographic emulsion on steel, says that much work by young artists during the Eighties "oriented around how it was going to market itself and how it would be noticed".

That kind of commercialism, however, gave the shock-factor too high a priority. For a brief time the marketplace seemed to dictate and it tended to kill, rather than to nurture, new ideas. Much has already been written about students trying too hard to be original and failing because of it.

Although the entrepreneurial spirit still exists, Mark Dean, another winner, maintains that young art which was meant to get noticed and then bought, has had its day. For students nowadays it is more art for art's sake than art to make a fast buck. If the fast bucks aren't there to make, the pressure to produce art which sells is removed — leaving students room to concentrate on developing their work.

The five, who have either recently left college or are on post-graduate art courses, have part-time jobs or are resigned to a spell of poverty. None, except Coates, has sold any work yet. Mark Dean and Gillian Wearing are currently studying at Goldsmiths, Laura Daly and Marcus Coates have just finished courses at the Slade and the Royal Academy respectively and Martine Coker took a degree in photography, film and video at the University of Derby. But they find it difficult to think of contemporaries whom they admire, and are coy about picking out friends.

There are no obvious "schools" within the colleges, they say. Young artists are more interested in pleasing themselves with their work, rather than living up to a radical student label or pleasing buyers. Diversity is thriving in the colleges, they claim, and that should be good news for young British art.

● *The BT New Contemporaries 1993 will be shown at the Cornerhouse, 70 Oxford Road, Manchester (061-228 2463) until August 1; the exhibition then tours to Derry, Sheffield, Stoke-on-Trent, Glasgow and London*

Gerald Larner on Birmingham concerts

Gala night for a top-notch deputy

Philharmonia/ Sinopoli
Symphony Hall, Birmingham

IT MUST have been painful for the management of Symphony Hall to announce that Mirella Freni would not be appearing after all. The audience, however, betrayed little disappointment as it went in and even less when it came out. Catherine Malfitano is a star, too, if not quite of the same magnitude, and there was still the attraction of hearing the Philharmonia with Giuseppe Sinopoli in the best available acoustic conditions.

The concert was not so very different in content from an old-fashioned operatic gala, but the Philharmonia played with great commitment throughout, not least in its observation of Sinopoli's attention to detail. Accustomed as it is by now to the great orchestras of the world, the Birmingham audience has probably never heard so well-endowed and at the same time so flexible a string section in Symphony Hall before.

Care had been taken too in the selection of the mezzo soprano who would perform as Filapievna to Tatiana and Suzuki to Butterfly. Marianne Rorholm sang with integrity and discretion in both of those comparatively minor roles, towering over Malfitano as she stood next to her on the platform but scaling her sound to achieve a true and seductive balance.

As for Malfitano herself, she did not quite succeed in getting into the character of the Tatiana in *Eugene Onegin* — partly, perhaps, because of some unease with the Russian language, but mainly because it is so difficult to do it just like that in one isolated scene, even if it is the Letter Scene.

Malfitano is, of course, a very experienced Butterfly and in the two excerpts she gave from the second act of Puccini's opera — separated by an emotionally charged account of the orchestral intermezzo — she identified with the role immediately, singing it as beautifully as one has come to expect and performing a miracle of dramatic illusion on the concert platform.

Keys to the shires

Kathryn Stott
Adrian Boult Hall, Birmingham

KATHRYN STOTT is an independent among pianists. Running her career from her home in Yorkshire, she has developed her own distinctive repertoire and her own professional way of life — a prominent feature of which is a regular summer itinerary taking her all over Britain.

The surprising feature of a tour promoted by the pianist herself, who might have been expected to avoid the risks of repetition, is that she is playing the same programme wherever she goes. At a comparatively late stage on the circuit, however, in the Adrian Boult Hall in Birmingham, it was quite clear that this is not a problem for Stott. There was nothing in the least superficial or perfunctory at any point in the whole recital.

The experience was more intense in some works than in others, but that is normal and more a matter of personal affinities than anything else. She is clearly inspired by, for example, the piano writing of Frank Bridge, whose two Capriccios (separated by the contrastingly dark sonorities of his *Sea Idyll*) were a brilliant source of illumination at the end of the first half of the programme.

As for Gabriel Fauré, her insight into his elusive style and harmonic thinking is unique among British musicians. In both Bridge and Fauré the distinctive quality of her playing is its sound. It might be underestimating her clear-textured and robustly structured Beethoven in the "Appassionata" and her uncommonly thoughtful Chopin in the Fantasy, Op 49, but the sound of each of the first three of Fauré's Impromptus, each one perfectly characterised in its way, was immediately engaging and consistently convincing.

She demonstrated the same instant identification with Liszt in a beautifully sustained account of *Un Sospiro*. And though the last notes of the Hungarian Rhapsody in C sharp minor at the very end of the recital landed somewhat out of place, that was an aberration which proved nothing except her reluctance to play for safety in an all-or-nothing situation.

WORLD MUSIC

Welcome return after long exile

Tom Zé
Queen Elizabeth Hall

BRAZILIAN popular music has been associated so relentlessly with fun and lassitude that the reality still comes as a shock. A wiry man in his mid-50s, Tom Zé sings the kind of songs that Bertolt Brecht might have written had his ancestry been African.

More than two decades ago, he was a part of Bahia's Tropicalia movement, a group of musicians exploring the complex strands of Brazilian culture. The Tropicalistas created music within a political context that was hostile and repressive. Some were forced into exile for their outspoken lyrics. Zé's experiments with musical form and language cut him off from the successes enjoyed by his contemporaries until David Byrne discovered his music and persuaded him to return to recording and international performing.

Appearing with a five-piece band at the South Bank Centre, Zé worked hard to surmount language problems and the cool, concert-hall atmosphere. His clownish, slightly clumsy persona connected with the audience between songs, while the expressive body gestures he used as he sang filled in the gaps for non-Portuguese speakers.

With their links to samba, these songs could only originate in Brazil, yet this was angular music, full of odd twists and uncomfortable harmonies. Some brief pieces explored vocal sounds; for one introduction, three of the musicians blew across beer bottles to create the sound of a forest; another piece was an experiment in rhythm. No wonder Zé never achieved the fame of Gilberto Gil.

Much of his inspiration has been drawn from literature, and translations reveal lyrics that are dense, poetic and frequently opaque. Zé attempted potted descriptions of the contents but, as he cheerfully admitted, his English was insufficient to cope with ordering yogurt in his hotel, let alone explaining lines such as "expose the hips of tradition to the burning iron of ads".



Tom Zé: clownish persona connects with the audience

For a strange love song entitled "The Letter", he changed into a yellow shirt and sang accompanied only by a synthesizer, while cuddling a guitar. After 90 minutes, the audience decided that Zé's exile had been unjust and warmly welcomed him back to the world.

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Slowly but surely

Gary Clark
Camden Jongleurs

BOTH as the fulcrum of the late, lamented Scottish band Danny Wilson and, more recently, as the author of a strong first solo album, *Ten Short Songs About Love*, Dundonian Gary Clark has offered welcome evidence to support a critical reputation as one of the few observers of the craftsman's tradition of songwriting currently working in British pop.

Melding such diverse traditions as those of folk-narrator, Tin Pan Alley tunesmith and Bacharach and David or Jimmy Webb-style 1960s balladeer, he has succeeded in creating some of the most original and memorable compositions within the recent domestic mainstream. That they have not always proved successful is hardly the point; it took three releases for "Mary's Prayer", his former band's eventually resounding 1988 hit, to reach the charts — and then as a result of the belated airtime support accorded by its triumph in a Radio One listeners' poll of ones-that-got-away.

The moral, then, is that music which pays heed to the conventions of mindless pop yet which subverts the genre by its sheer invention and intelligence can hardly be expected to grow on the public as fast as the latest music-by-numbers release. Yet if Clark is taking a career risk by continuing to pursue such a singular path so close to the accepted pop norm, the devotion of his audience at this last performance in a short British tour suggests there is an enthusiastic market for his wry, bitter-sweet but ultimately life-affirming world-view.

Mixing material from both the group and solo phases of his writing history with what has become established as his fondness for the beautifully-executed cover, he pulled off one of the capital's most good-natured gigs of the year so far.

Clark's tenor is by no means upbeat. Yet there remained a momentum and humour to even his least funny moments, and this ability to inject a pop sensibility into even his most self-doubting compositions seemed only to confirm the truth that Gary Clark, solo artist, is to be treasured amid an all-too-routine chart landscape.

ALAN JACKSON

Woody's debut

FULL-TIME litigant, part-time jazz clarinettist and some-time film director Woody Allen has made his recording debut. Allen, who makes a weekly appearance on the bandstand at Michael's Pub in Manhattan, is the special guest on *The Bunk Project*, the New York Jazz Ensemble's tribute to the early New Orleans trumpeter Bunk Johnson.

Due out this month on the specialist Limelight label, the album is said to have been recorded on a tape recorder with the musicians calling out unrehearsed tunes "as the spirit moved them". One hopes they steered clear of one tune associated with Johnson — "Careless Love".

● STEPHEN Daldry's acclaimed production of *An Inspector Calls* will be the first of several National Theatre transfers to the West End when it moves to the Aldwych on August 21, largely recast from its acclaimed South Bank run. (Among those leaving is Olivier Award-winner Barbara Leigh-Hunt, who is staying on at the National for the David Hare trilogy.) Next up a month later, at the Shaftesbury, is Nicholas Hytner's staging of *Carousel*. That may be followed in November by Declan Donnellan's production of *Sweeney Todd*, if the producer Cameron Mackintosh decides to back a Stephen Sondheim show which was a West End flop over a decade ago.

ARTS BRIEFING

Last chance . . .

Thomas Bernhard's all-but-monologue of a play *The Showman* at the Almeida (071-359 4404) is the thing to see if you fancy the idea of being verbally buttonholed by a monstrous egotist. Alan Bates plays an Austrian actor-manager dragging his cowed family round Alpine village halls in his own clearly god-awful drama, and pouring forth a cataract of complaints. In a way his bilious rant is quite funny, and the way Bates lets you see the hollow within the hauteur is devilish clever. This is a chance to see splendid acting, however, rather than a play that takes much note of dramatic conflict. Ends Saturday.

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Trouble at the tribunal

Sacked employees may have to wait a year before they get to an industrial tribunal, says David Conn, who follows several cases to their end

The industrial tribunal system, with its aim of dispensing cheap, speedy and informal employment justice, is operating under extreme pressure. Record numbers of applications are being received for claims of redundancy, unfair dismissal and deduction of wages. Last year 65,000 claims were made, twice that of 1991.

And the system is "creaking to the point of almost breaking down", according to David Cockburn, a partner at Pattinson & Brewer, a trade union firm. He cites under-funding and under-staffing as the cause of long delays in getting a hearing.

Judge Timothy Lawrence, the President of Industrial Tribunals for England and Wales, began his term in January 1991, just as the workload was becoming what he called "a deluge". Told by the employment department to expect such a level of cases to continue for several years, he has postponed policy and efficiency targets, concentrating on recruiting more chairmen, and has increased numbers by about a third.

At the tip of the national iceberg, 18 cases are provisionally listed for hearing on the first day of business at the new premises of the Industrial Tribunal (London South), Croydon. Not all will be heard. Plaintiffs at Croydon include a flower seller, an advertising executive, a sales rep and two oil-tanker drivers, all pursuing unfair-dismissal claims.

Stephen Levinson, the head of the employment department of Paisner & Co, a City firm, believes that an applicant appearing in person, faced by lawyers, is at "a huge disadvantage", even in a routine case with a thorough chairman. "A case is won and lost in preparation," he says. "The applicant often has a sense of grievance but no precise idea of the issues on which the tribunal will base its decision. A solicitor assesses exactly what will be relevant and prepares the case accordingly."

In Croydon's Tribunal 6, Lucy Mann, formerly an advertising executive with Reed Business Publishing, is presenting her own case of unfair dismissal, opposed by a solicitor and barrister acting for Reed. Her claim is that Reed failed to find a suitable job for her on her return from maternity leave.

She is shocked at the difficulty of appearing in person. By lunchtime, she has lost a *preliminary point of law*. "I thought my case was clear-cut", she mused afterwards, "but it obviously isn't." Ms Mann heard later that she had won her case.

Colin Simpson, a senior partner at Robin Thompson, a trade union firm, considers the whole system flawed. "It imposes an inquisitorial approach on an adversarial system," he says. "It doesn't work."

> 'Without the solicitor, we would have been lost'

The case of Hill and Pheby versus Tankfreight showed the system working well enough to allow Judge Lawrence to sleep more easily. Solicitors acted for both sides: Eversheds Hepworth & Chadwick, a Leeds firm, against David Taylor, of Greenwich Law Centre in southeast London. Five witnesses were heard and a decision delivered all in one day. The men had been sacked from their jobs as oil-tanker drivers for driving black cabs between shifts. The tribunal ruled that Tankfreight handled the dismissals unfairly.

In the glow of victory, Peter Pheby praised his solicitor. "Without him, we'd have been lost," he said. Mr Pheby once "had a barrister in the back" of his cab who had told him about the Free Representation Unit, a charity that provides mostly trainee barristers free for tribunal applicants.

All the cases had taken a year to get there. In July, John Wells, a sales consultant, had won a preliminary hearing, defeating the claim by his previous employers that he did not have the required two years' service. He was put to the back of the queue for a full hearing. Interest on an award is not backdated. If a case goes to appeal, there is officially a further two-year wait.

Mr Cockburn comments: "This supposedly speedy forum can take three or four years to decide a case." Mr Levinson identifies a reluctance to appoint enough judges as the cause of the delay at the appeal stage.

The quality of the justice itself is also under scrutiny. Jane Mason, the chair of London South, summarises the founders' aims as the settling of industrial disputes without too much law or too many lawyers. However, there is now a wealth of precedent and Brussels-made law to be considered, and Judge Lawrence says that "the system has become increasingly legalistic".

> 'What on earth is the Secretary of State thinking?'

As the tribunal was intended to be informal, suitable for parties to state their own cases, legal aid for representation was never made available. Recent figures show that only 22 per cent of applicants are represented by lawyers. When they are not, their chances of winning are diminished. With representation, the success rate is 49 per cent; without it, if opposed by lawyers, the success rate is only 28 per cent.

Even the successful applicant may face ultimate disappointment. The level of compensation is controversially low. The "basic award", calculated using weekly pay fixes a notional maximum of £205 a week. The average award is only £1,173. The "compensatory award", to compensate for loss of future earnings, is a maximum £10,000. Had it kept pace with average earnings, the compensatory award would now be up to £30,000. Mr Levinson is outraged. "What on earth is the Secretary of State thinking when he picks up the average-earnings index?"

At the close of business, the participants at Croydon, winners, losers and the adjourned, walk to the station. For Mr Hill and Mr Pheby there is jubilation, for Lucy Mann much on which to reflect. The next day another 13 cases are listed. The system creaks on.

DENZIL McNEILANCE



Fare hearing: John Hill, left, and Peter Pheby, dismissed for cab-driving between shifts



Shocked: Lucy Mann

The SFO may be going too far

Sympathy for the plight of a defendant faced by the formidable legal powers of the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) led Michael Mates MP to present a watch to Asil Nadir inscribed with the words, "Don't let the buggers get you down". In a series of recent cases, the European Court of Human Rights has expressed, albeit in legal language, similar concern for defendants who are required to provide documents and information to assist those prosecuting them.

In February, the European Court in Strasbourg found violations of the European Convention on Human Rights in the cases of *Funke, Cremieux and Miailhe v France*. The case brought by Jean-Gustave Funke, a German national, is typical of the three. Customs officers, accompanied by a police officer, went to his house in France to seek details of his assets abroad. He would not produce bank statements and for this refusal he was prosecuted. The court imposed a daily fine until such time as he complied with a court order to co-operate. Appeals by Mr Funke failed.

The court held, by eight votes to one, that the *conviction for refusing to disclose* the documents sought by the customs officials infringed Mr Funke's right to a fair trial, as guaranteed by Article 6 of the European Convention. Because the customs authorities could not obtain these documents by other means, "they attempted to compel the applicant himself to provide the evidence of offences he had allegedly committed". The court concluded that this amounted to "an infringement of the right of anyone charged with a criminal offence to remain silent and not to contribute to incriminating himself".

The court also found breaches of Article 8 of the convention, which protects the right to respect for private and family life and a person's home and correspondence. The court accepted that the difficulties which a state faces in preventing tax evasion may make it necessary for prosecuting authorities to resort to house searches and seizures in order to obtain evidence. But, the court concluded, "the relevant legislation and practice must afford adequate and effective safeguards against abuse".

The court found, again by eight votes to one, that the wide powers which French law gave to the customs authorities "appear too lax and full of loopholes for the interferences with the applicant's rights to have been strictly proportionate to the legitimate aim pursued". In *Miailhe*, the court was particularly concerned that the seizures of documents from the applicant's premises were "indiscriminate", as evidenced by the fact that several thousand documents were later returned as irrelevant to the enquiries.

In relation to Article 8, the court has made plain its concern about abuses of powers to seize private documents. The significance of the judgment, so far as it concerns Article 6, is that the court has implied a right to silence into a provision which guarantees a fair trial and the presumption of innocence. There are many facets to the complex right to silence. This case was specifically concerned with a right not to disclose information which may aid the prosecution. But the case may also have relevance to another aspect of the right to silence upon which the Royal Commission is expected to make recommendations in the next few weeks: the right to remain silent in court without the jury drawing adverse inferences as to guilt.



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The European Court's conclusions on the limits imposed by Articles 6 and 8 will cause concern to the SFO and will give great comfort to those defendants in this country (or in Northern Cyprus) who are resisting the broad powers which the SFO has to compel the provision of potentially *incriminating information*. Under the Criminal Justice Act 1987, the director of the SFO has power to require a person under investigation, or any other person who he has reason to believe has relevant knowledge, to provide information or specified documents. It is a criminal offence not to comply with such a requirement. Although a statement so provided may be used in evidence against the provider of it only in limited circumstances, the information so obtained may well give considerable assistance to the prosecution in the preparation of the case.

Last year, the House of Lords held that the director may lawfully exercise the powers to compel the supply of documents and the answering of questions even after the person under investigation has been charged with a criminal offence of fraud.

It is a matter for debate whether or not Conservative politicians had grounds for questioning the Attorney-General about the treatment of Asil Nadir by the SFO before he fled the country. For lawyers, the recent judgments of the European Court leave no doubt that the extensive powers of the SFO raise difficult questions about whether domestic law breaches the fundamental rights of defendants guaranteed by the convention.

● *The author is a practising barrister and a fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.*

The legal services ombudsman is not happy with the handling of complaints

Solicitors under attack

The solicitors' profession was taken sternly to task last week over the way it handles complaints. Michael Barnes, the legal services ombudsman, criticised particularly the handling of complaints from beneficiaries; and the continuing failure of solicitors to give clients adequate information on costs.

Mr Barnes, who acts as the public's watchdog over the way in which the profession deals with client complaints, said it was wrong that some beneficiaries should have to wait for an estate to be wound up before their complaint was even considered. The main problem was that many beneficiaries were not executors and therefore not clients of the solicitors dealing with the estate. They were therefore denied the rights clients would have in making complaints about inadequate professional service. After a delay of possibly up to a year, they might then have to wait another two years for the estate to be wound up before the Solicitors' Complaints' Bureau considered their complaint.

Mr Barnes said: "In my view, as beneficiaries, they should have the same right as clients to have their complaints about inadequate professional service investigated by the Solicitors' Complaints' Bureau there and then."

In 1992, complaints to the ombudsman about "delay and excessive administration costs" in the administration of wills moved up from fourth to second place, behind divorce and family proceedings, in the league table of work prompting complaint.

Costs are another big source of complaints. Despite the new so-called "written professional standard" urging solicitors to advise clients on costs, this was still not always happening. "Most people would agree that solicitors' hourly rates have now reached such levels that it is absolutely essential that accurate information should be given at the outset to clients," he says.

Mr Barnes went on to attack some of the procedural hurdles faced by people when lodging complaints to the bureau, despite praising its handling of the heavy caseload. He criticised the bureau practice, when complainants cannot be helped, of returning the letter of complaint with a standard letter "containing a hand-written insertion which is not always clearly legible".

In 1992, 1,263 new complaints were referred to the ombudsman, much the same as in 1991. These cases represent about 8 per cent of all complaints made in the first place to the legal profession's complaints bodies.

The ombudsman made 125 formal recommendations, 46 of which involved the lawyer paying compensation, ten that the professional body should pay compensation and 69 that the professional body reconsider the complaint.

Most of the sums of compensation were betweeen £250 and £500. But three were between £500 and £1,000, two were between £1,000 and £1,500 and one between £1,500 and £2,000.

Although the Bar has no formal complaints machinery apart from its disciplinary procedure, Mr Barnes said that after taking counsel's advice he took the view that he could investigate complaints about the way the Bar Council handles complaints, including those about a barrister's conduct, so long as these did not undermine "the finality of any judicial decision" in a case.

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Your PC is stoned

IN AND OUTS

LAWYERS wondering how the Lord Chancellor's department calculates some of its legal aid figures will be interested to learn that the department's computers have been plagued by a "virus" which displays the words, "Your PC is now stoned" and calls for the legalising of marijuana.

Officials there have received a notice telling them a virus has infected some computers and floppy discs and to look out for the "stoned" message on user screens. They have further been reminded that introducing unauthorised sofware into the department's computer system is a criminal offence.



Has the virus been removed? Officials will say only: "It's not something we would want to talk about."

Tax aid

THE former head of the Citizens Advice Bureau network, Elizabeth Filkin, has been appointed independent adjudicator at the Inland Revenue with a brief to deal with taxpayers' complaints.

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The appointment is part of the implementation of the taxpayers' charter.

Fast justice

THERE are plenty of unstuffy judges out there, despite the image continually perpetuated by a tiny minority.

No fewer than five High Court judges — all from the commercial court, including Mr Justice Saville, the head of the court — managed the 3½-mile run last week through the City in aid of Crisis, the homeless charity.

Lord Alexander, the National Westminster chief and chairman of the charity's trustees, put the idea to the judges and they liked it. Mr Justice Saville says: "We all know Bob — he was, of course, a commercial silk — and it seemed a good cause."

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Whose law will rule Hong Kong?



Citizen's rights: Martin Lee, QC, the Hong Kong liberal, and the colony's governor, Chris Patten

The agenda for the Sino-British talks on Hong Kong elections is secret. China claims that governor Chris Patten's modest reform proposals are inconsistent with the basic law — the Chinese mini-constitution by which Hong Kong will be governed after 1997.

Yet many lawyers — including those of the International Commission of Jurists — make a much more serious charge; they say that the basic law itself derogates from and is incompatible with the 1984 joint declaration on the future of the colony. Britain must, they say, tell China to reform the basic law itself.

The basic law was finalised in the wake of the Tiananmen Square massacre, after which Hong Kong liberals such as Martin Lee, QC (the leader of Hong Kong United Democrats), and Szeto Wah were anathematised by China. They resigned from the basic law advisory committee and China refused to have them back unless they agreed not to criticise China or to object to Chinese troops being stationed in Hong Kong.

A fundamental tenet of the joint declaration is that after 1997 Hong Kong will have "a high degree of autonomy" in all matters (trade included), except defence and foreign affairs.

Hong Kong people claim that in 1984 they were "sold" the blueprint of the declaration because it came with promises of democracy from both Britain and China. Such promises are clearly on the record.

Richard Luce, a Foreign Office minister, told the Commons in December 1984: "We fully accept that we should build up a firmly based democratic administration between now and 1997."

Mr Lee says that when in 1984 the Hong Kong University students' union asked Zhao Ziyang, then Chinese prime minister, whether Hong Kong would be ruled by democracy after 1997, he replied: "Of course by democracy. How else would you do it?"

China says that Mr Patten's very open "democracy plans" for the Hong Kong Legislative Council (Legco) contravene the basic law's "spirit". This is a curious claim when Article 3 of Annex 1 of the same Chinese basic law provides that the all-powerful chief executive officer shall be elected "in accordance with principles of democracy and openness".

Presumably, all parties will seek to apply a "spirit of democracy and open-ness" in future negotiations on specifics of the election of Legco and the chief executive.

That Hong Kong will continue to be governed according to principles of common law is a major attraction to investing countries such as Australia; the growth rate of Australian investment in Hong Kong is the world's highest.

Dr Jocelyn Chey, Australia's Hong Kong Consul-General, sees the common law as conferring the necessary stability and predictability for business relationships to flourish. Democracy would also enhance such stability.

> Lawyers have profound reservations about whether the courts will remain as independent as promised

Yet lawyers have profound reservations about whether the courts will remain as independent as the joint declaration clearly intends that they should be. Article 158 of the basic law provides that interpretation of and changes to the basic law ultimately rests not with Hong Kong courts but with the communist legislature of China.

Notions of "separation of power" have no place within Chinese government.

According to Dr John Wong, a Sydney historian, Confucianism leads to "rule from above" by the all-powerful "virtuous".

The joint declaration provides that the chief executive shall be accountable to the legislature. But the basic law says that he or she will also be accountable to China.

It also provides a contorted framework for resolution of conflicts between the executive and the legislature which will probably diminish the legislature's power.

In any case, what is the point in an elected legislature obtaining a mandate from the people? Article 54 of the basic law gives policy-making power to the chief executive.

If the chief executive is against a change in government policy, Article 74 of the basic law provides that he or she can simply refuse to sign a document permitting the introduction of unwanted legislation.

The system outlined for the election of the chief executive in the basic law relies on four still imprecisely formulated "occupational" constituencies.

Proper democratic procedures for his or her election will be as critical to Hong Kong's future as any plans to reform the legislature.

The basic law details (in a way not foreshadowed by the declaration) a substantial list of executive, legislative and judicial positions from which persons with a right of abode outside Hong Kong/China will be excluded. The basic law is, Mr Lee contends, a "very undemocratic document".

He says that China has contravened the joint declaration in many other ways. "The first, clearest, indication (that China would not observe the declaration) was on November 21, 1985, when the Chinese government, through its representatives in Hong Kong, demanded that the progress of democracy must be discussed between the two governments at the joint liaison group meeting.

"The development of democracy has nothing to do with defence and foreign affairs and is therefore entirely a matter for Hong Kong."

Mr Lee worries that the basic law does not adequately provide for the executive accountability promised in the declaration.

He adds that the 1991 airport memorandum of understanding was a document in breach of the joint declaration — because it compromises the high degree of autonomy promised to Hong Kong.

"The airport does not impinge on defence or foreign affairs," he says. "It is a civil airport."

Gladys Li, QC of the commission of jurists, believes that because the memorandum specifies a large increase in financial reserves above those envisaged in the joint declaration, it is a departure from the declaration. If finances can be varied by memorandum, why cannot elected legislature numbers likewise be altered?

Mr Patten has told the Royal Institute of International Affairs that he believes "the joint declaration means what it says" and is not just "a brocaded frill" for British retreat from Hong Kong.

The argument that "Patten has not gone nearly far enough" has been drowned out by the New China Newsagency's million or two words of invective. Perhaps this argument for more, not less, democracy might now seriously be considered.

Paying the price of poor management

New research says too many firms are stuck with old-fashioned ways of working

Signs of a strengthening demand for legal services from corporate clients may not be enough to secure the future for some struggling law firms. The most recent reports are that the financial complexities facing lawyers are now so intense that only the most skilful management can save some of the worst affected.

The most dire of recent warnings came last week from Coopers & Lybrand in its report, "Financial management in law firms", produced for *The Lawyer* magazine. Brian Woods Scawen, a Coopers' partner, says: "We think that the optimism expressed by many (larger firms) about their short term prospects may be misplaced. A sizable proportion are likely to have their prospects dashed by their own poor financial management."

This bears out a research study by the Law Society last month that showed many firms are still stuck with old-fashioned ways of working and traditional systems of decision making. At the heart of the problem is the simple truth that many — maybe most — lawyers are neither systematic not analytical about how they run their practices.



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Paddy Gormley, a consultant for Competitive Marketing, says: "Firms are at risk of making seriously flawed pricing and practice development decisions because they are unaware of the true costs of providing specific services." Mr Gormley adds that their highest fee-earning "flagship" services are usually the most profitable, but that sometimes the opposite can happen.

Services that earn big fees may actually be costing the firm money by being poorly managed. Neglected services that attract low fees but have low overheads are often more profitable.

Crude analysis of accountancy figures may be misleading. Almost regardless of the level of turnover, firms' profitability varies widely.

The key element in profitability, according to Coopers, is cost control. Coopers comments: "Nearly three-quarters of firms have one secretary to each fee-earner. In our view, the very substantial investment in information technology by law firms over the past few years is not yet showing a commensurate financial return. The main reason for this is that secretarial work practices have not altered as a consequence of the investment."

Coopers also criticises management of space in offices. It says that some firms are indulging fee-earners by the lavishness of their working areas. Property costs should be no more than 10 per cent of fees.

Many problems are caused because partners are owner-managers of their firms. Management decisions may therefore be based on lifestyle preferences rather than solid business grounds.

If change is to be driven through, it needs a real commitment from the whole partnership — "champions of change" must secure the backing of their colleagues.

In line with trends seen elsewhere it looks as if the region which is most resistant to change — and therefore suffering worst — is London and the South. Almost three-quarters of the London firms in the survey reported reduced profits per partner by comparison, for example, with just half the firms in the West Midlands. Meanwhile, the areas which reported the greatest growth in fee-earners were the North East and the West Midlands.

Law firms are capable of change. The leading firms are highly adaptable. But as this report from Coopers & Lybrand reveals, it is all too easy for middle-ranking partnerships to drift on, avoiding the hard decisions. Too much drift will take some firms over the brink.

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Employee liable to tax assessment

Inland Revenue Commissioners v Herd

Before Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Chancellor, Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Slynn of Hadley

[Speeches June 17]

Where only part of a payment by an employer to an employee was assessable to income tax under Schedule E, and the employer had not deducted any tax, the statutory provisions did not prevent the employee from being liable to assessment under Schedule E on the payment.

The House of Lords held that since neither section 204 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970, as amended by section 37, Schedule 6, paragraph 25(b), and Schedule 14, Part II of the Finance Act 1971) nor the Income Tax (Employments) Regulations (SI 1973 No 334), as amended by paragraph 3 of the Income Tax (Employments) (No 11) Regulations (SI 1981 No 44)) obliged the payer to deduct income tax from such a payment, the payee was liable to assessment.

The House of Lords allowed an appeal by the Crown from an Extra Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session sitting as the Court of Exchequer in Scotland (Lord McCluskey, Lord Coulsfield and Lord Sutherland) ([1992] STC 264) which by a majority (Lord Sutherland dissenting in part) had dismissed the Crown's appeal by *case stated from a special commissioner*, Mr Brian O'Brien. The commissioner had determined in favour of the taxpayer, Mr Charles Anderson Peden Herd, his appeal against an additional assessment to income tax.

Mr W. A. Nimmo Smith, QC (of the Scots Bar), Mr Launcelot Henderson and Mr R. S. Keen, of the Scots Bar) for the Crown: Mr J. E. Drummond Young, QC and Mr Colin Tyre (both of the Scots Bar) for Mr Herd.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR said that Mr Herd had been appointed an executive director of *Cruden Building & Civil Engineering* Ltd ("CBCE") on March 25, 1980. At that date, CBCE had been a wholly owned subsidiary of Cruden Investments Ltd ("Investments"). Investments had sold to him 10,000 ordinary shares in CBCE for a consideration of £1. That had been their then market value.

On May 4, 1983, Mr Herd had sold the shares back to Investments for £380,000. Their then market value was agreed to have been £211,300. Investments had paid Mr Herd £250,000 at once and the balance on November 30, 1984.

In terms of section 79 of the Finance Act 1972 and section 67 of the Finance Act 1976 a charge to income tax had fallen to be made since as a result of the sale of the shares on May 4, 1983, the taxpayer had ceased to have any *beneficial interest* in them.

The inspector of taxes had made an additional assessment on Mr Herd under Schedule E for the year to April 1984 in the figure of £379,999 (£380,000 minus £1). The assessment had been made as to £211,299 under section 79 of the 1972 Act and as to £168,700 under section 67 of *the 1976 Act*.

The question was whether on a true construction of sections 79 and 67, the 1970 Act and the 1973 Regulations the liability to account for any tax payable on the assessment had fallen wholly on Mr Herd.

The critical regulation was regulation 6(1) of the 1973 Regulations, as amended: "Every employer, on making any payment of emoluments ... to any employee ... shall ... (b) deduct ... tax in accordance with these regulations ..."

No direction had been made under regulation 26(3) or (4) for recovery from the employee. It followed from regulation 49 that in the absence of such direction the employee could not be held liable for amounts that the employer ought to have deducted, whether or not he had acnually done so.

In both of the statutory provisions relied on as creating liability to tax under *Schedule E*, section 79 of the 1972 Act and section 67 of the 1976 Act, the liability was not attracted by the amount paid but, as in the present case, by part only of the amount paid. The charging mechanism did not treat the whole payment as an emolument and then preserve a right to claim a deduction by way of allowance.

Indeed, in the present case each payment was subject to two different sections that provided the basis for two different charges under Schedule E on sums that in total were less than the total of the payments.

It was true that the deduction in the present case was small, but the ascertainment of its value, involving questions of the market value of shares not publicly quoted, could involve considerable calculation and, perhaps even more *important, substantial judgments* on matters of opinion.

Neither the empowering provisions of the 1970 Act nor the 1973 Regulations included an obligation on the payer to deduct tax from a payment only part of which was assessable to tax under *Schedule E*.

If it had been intended to impose such an obligation, his Lordship would have expected that to have been expressly provided for and, even more important, some machinery to be set up for distinguishing in the single payment between the amount to be subject to deduction and the balance.

Although it was true that there was no finding of fact in the present case that any difficulty had been found in arriving at the appropriate market values it was obvious that the determination of those values could give rise to substantial disputes.

To give effect to the taxpayer's argument would be to extend the scope of the provisions for deduction of tax under Schedule E to situations for which they had not been intended and in respect of which there was no machinery for determining in respect of a single payment at the time when the payment was made the amount of *it that was to be subject to the* deduction arrangements.

His Lordship emphasised that his view applied only where a particular payment was treated only in part as assessable to tax under Schedule E.

It would not prevent a payer being under an obligation to *deduct tax where it was clear that* there had been two or more payments made together some of which had been emoluments under Schedule E while others had not been.

Lord Keith, Lord Jauncey, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Slynn agreed.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Inland Revenue for Solicitor for Scotland of the Board of Inland Revenue; Dyson Bell Martin for Shepherd & Wedderburn, WS, Edinburgh.

Common law offence applicable

Regina v Jefferson
Regina v Skerritt
Regina v Readman
Regina v Keogh

Before Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Auld and Mr Justice Scott Baker

[Judgment June 15]

The offence of aiding and abetting, as a common law offence, was applicable to all Acts unless specifically excluded by statute.

Therefore offences created by the Public Order Act 1986 could be committed by aiders and abettors as well as by principals.

An appropriate adult, as defined in paragraph 1.7 of Code C of the *Police and Criminal Evidence Act (s66) Codes of Practice* (1985 edition) who gave encouragement to a juvenile who was being fairly interviewed by police officers to tell the truth did not fail in his duty to advise under Note 13C and did it make him an inappropriate adult.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division so held when it dismissed appeals against conviction by Andrew Steven Jefferson, Joseph Skerritt, Paul Terence Readman and Desmond Anthony Keogh at Bedford Crown Court (Judge May and a jury) in 1991 of, in the case of Skerrin and Readman, riot contrary to section 1(1) of the 1986 Act and, in the case of Jefferson and Keogh, violent disorder contrary to section 2(1).

Skerritt and Readman were sentenced respectively to a total of 30 months and 21 months and Jefferson and Keogh to respectively 15 months and 6 months in a young offender institute. Skerrin and Readman were acquitted on counts of causing grievous bodily harm and assault. Jefferson and Keogh were aquitted on counts of riot.

Section 6 of the 1986 Act provides: "(1) A person is guilty of riot only if he intends to use violence or is aware that his conduct may be violent.

"(2) A person is guilty of violent disorder or affray only if he intends to use or threaten violence or is aware that his conduct may be violent or threaten violence."

Section 8 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861 provides: "Whosoever shall aid, abet, counsel or procure the commission of any indictable offence, whether the same be an offence at common law or by virtue of any Act passed or to be passed, shall be liable to be tried, indicted and punished as a principal offender."

Mr Stuart Trimmer for Jefferson and Readman; Mr Phillip Head for Skerritt; Mr David Lee for Keogh, all counsel assigned by the Registrar of CRiminal Appeals; Mr Michael Pert, QC and Mr Amjad Malik for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE AULD, giving the judgment of the court, said that in the absence of any evidence of specific acts of violence by the appellants the case against them on the counts of riot and disorder was that their presence at the incidents of disturbance demonstrated a willing and persistent involvement in the disorder and an intention to encourage others to use violence. Each had, in effect, aided and abetted the violence.

Counsel for Jefferson and Keogh had submitted, *inter alia*, that section 2 of the 1986 Act, in common with the other offences created under the Act, created an offence for principals only by virtue of section 6 of the Act.

The phrase "only if he intends" which appeared in each subsection of section 6 dealing with the mental element required for each offence excluded the operation of section 8 of the 1861 Act and aiding and abetting by encouragement of an offence under the 1986 Act was not of itself an offence under the Act.

His Lordship said that the *question was not whether* section 6 excluded section 8 of the 1861 Act. The offence of aiding and abetting was a common law notion, not a creation of statute and was of general application to all offences unless expressly excluded by statute.

Section 8 of the 1861 Act was *merely a deeming provision* as to how aiders and abettors were to be dealt with at trial. The proper approach was to consider whether there was anything in the 1986 Act which excluded the principles of general common law.

Their Lordships were fortified in their decision by the preparatory material for the 1986 Act and, in particular the Law Commission Report (Law Com No 123) *Offences Relating to Public Order* (October 24, 1983), which said at the end of paragraph 6.22: "... The conduct of those whose activities fall short of ... [actual violence] will in our view be adequately dealt with by charges of aiding and abetting etc, or of one of the alternative *offences*."

While the report was in the context of the proposed offence of riot, it was clearly of application to the other proposed offences including violent disorder.

During the police interviews of Keogh his father, who had been present, had intervened robustly, had sometimes joined in the questioning of his son and had challenged his exculpatory account of certain events.

Counsel for Keogh had applied to the trial judge under section 76(2) and/or section 78 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 to *exclude the interviews* on the basis that his father, while not intrinsically an inappropriate adult had become so by his behaviour and had therefore not fulfilled the role envisaged for him by Note 13C of Code C then in force.

His Lordship said the father's conduct was not such as to disqualify him *as an appropriate* adult and he had no further duty on him of behaving in such a way as to ensure the protection of his son from fair and proper questioning by the officers by, for example, refraining from intervening to encourage his son to be truthful.

In any event the father's interventions had had little effect on Keogh's account of events. The trial judge had been correct therefore in his finding that the interviews should *not* be excluded on the basis of unreliability.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Bedford.

Failure to consult established

Regina v North West Thames Regional Health Authority and Others, Ex parte Daniels (Rhys William)

Before Lord Justice Kennedy and Mr Justice Macpherson

[Judgment June 17]

There was a failure by the district health authority to consult the community health council pursuant to regulation 19(1) of the National Health Service (Community Health Council) Regulations (SI 1985 No 304) over the proposal not to transfer the bone marrow treatment unit at Westminster Children's Hospital to Chelsea and Westminster Hospital.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated in a reserved judgment when refusing to grant *certiorari* or a declaration in judicial review proceedings brought by Rhys William Daniels, a minor, by his father and next friend, Barry Daniels, against the decision of the North West Thames Regional Health Authority, the Riverside Health Authority, and/or the Secretary of State for Health to close the bone marrow treatment unit at Westminster Children's Hospital and not to continue to provide the services and treatment offered by that unit at any other hospital within the North West Thames area.

Mr Patrick Milmo, QC and Miss Sophia Roper for the applicant; Miss Nicola Davies, QC, for for the first and second respondents; Mr Mark Shaw for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY said that the failure to continue to provide the service offered by the unit at Westminster Children's Hospital amounted to a substantial variation in provision of the service and that the duty to consult the community health council regarding any substantial variation was mandatory.

On the applicant's second submission, that the decision to close the unit was irrational, his Lordship said that on the information available to the court it was difficult to know the basis of the decision, but as the applicant had succeeded in his first submission his Lordship need say no more on the second.

Dealing with the third submission, that Mr Daniels had a legitimate expectation to be informed of the proposed decision to close the bone marrow treatment unit and to be given the opportunity to make representations, his Lordship said that he agreed as a matter of courtesy but could not detect any legal right in Mr Daniels to be so informed.

On the question of remedy, Lord Justice Kennedy refused to grant the formal orders sought by the appellants, namely *certiorari* or a declaration that the closure of the unit without providing its service elsewhere in the authority's area was unlawful, because they would not benefit Rhys Daniels, nor would they do any good.

His Lordship was sure that the bone marrow treatment unit at Bristol would do all it could for Rhys and his family without any encouragement from the court.

Mr Justice Macpherson agreed.

Solicitors: Halsey Lightly; J. Tickle & Co; Solicitor, Department of Health.

Procedure for sterilisation declarations

Practice Note (Official Solicitor: Sterilisation)

A note of advice issued by the Official Solicitor (see *The Times* February 13, 1990; [1990] *1 WLR* 1248) on the procedure to be followed on seeking a declaration that the proposed sterilisation of a minor or mentally incompetent adult was lawful was replaced in May 1993.

The note stated, *inter alia*:

1 All cases required the prior sanction of a High Court Judge.

2 Applications in respect of a minor should be made to the Family Division of the High Court within proceedings either under the inherent jurisdiction or under section 8(1) of the Children Act 1989. The preferred course was to apply within the inherent jurisdiction.

Within the inherent jurisdiction, applicants should seek an order in the following form: "It is ordered that there be leave to perform an operation of sterilisation on the minor [X] [if it is desired to specify the precise method of carrying out the operation add, eg, by the occlusion of her fallopian tubes] and to carry out such post-operative treatment and care as may be necessary in her best interests."

Under Children Act proceedings applicants should seek an order in the following form:

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3 Applications in respect of an adult should be by way of originating summons issuing out of the Family Division for an order in the following form: "It is declared that the operation of sterilisation proposed to be performed on [X] [if it is desired to specify the precise method of carrying out the operation add, eg, by the occlusion of her fallopian tubes] being in the existing circumstances in her best interests can lawfully be performed on her despite her inability to consent to it.

"It is ordered that in the event of a material change in the existing circumstances occurring before the said operation has been performed any party shall have liberty to apply for such further or other declaration or order as may be just."

4 The plaintiff or applicant should normally be a parent or one of those responsible for the care of the patient or those intending to carry out the proposed operation. The patient must always be a party and should be a defendant or respondent. In cases in which the patient was defendant or respondent the Official Solicitor should be the guardian *ad litem*. In any case in which the Official Solicitor was not either next friend or guardian *ad litem* of the patient or a plaintiff or an applicant he should be defendant or respondent.

5 Prior to the substantive hearing of the application there would be in every case be a summons for directions to be heard by a High Court judge. The principal registry would fix a date for directions before a judge of the Family Division on the first open day after the passage of eight weeks when asked to do so at the issue of the originating summons.

The note went on to set out guidelines on the role of the Official Solicitor and the type of evidence expected by the court.

It replaced those notes in ([1989] 2 FLR 447) and ([1990] 2 FLR 530).

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Seaside setting inspires Vowles

TED Vowles, of Redland Green, and Mike Smith, of Page Park, the Gloucestershire bowlers who led a successful rally against Worcestershire in the Middleton Cup last Saturday, were again in impressive form when the Weston-super-Mare open tournament began yesterday (David Rhys Jones writes).

Vowles, who has won the singles title at Weston on three occasions, beat Bob Nicoll, of Hereford, 21-14, while Smith overwhelmed Mike Martin, of Victoria, one of Somerset's leading administrators, 21-5, and will now play his county colleague, Vic Haskins.

S Africans to play in GB

Hockey: The South African team will make its first appearance in Britain for 24 years in a full international match against England at Milton Keynes on August 15.

The South Africans will spend five days in England before departing to Poznan, Poland, for the Intercontinental Cup, from which they hope to qualify for the eighth World Cup in Sydney next year. They lost four matches to India in May but beat them 1-0 in Cape Town.

Talking finance

Football: Stan Collymore, 22, the Southend United forward, will today meet Frank Clark, the Nottingham Forest manager, to negotiate the personal terms of his expected £2.25 million move. Stuart Pearce, 31, the Forest captain, agreed a new contract yesterday, believed to be worth £1.25 million over four years.

Open record

GOLF: A record number of 1,827 players have entered for the first £1 million Open Championship at Sandwich from July 15 to 18, forcing the organisers to increase the regional qualifying competitions from seven to 12. The five extra courses are Beau Desert, Coxmoor, Hankley Common, Langley Park and South Herts.

Stepping down

Rugby league: Bob Ashby, chairman of the Rugby Football League since 1987, is stepping down and will not seek re-election at the annual general meeting in Leeds on Friday. There are six candidates for the position. Colin Dixon, the former Salford and Great Britain second row forward, has died, aged 49, after suffering a stroke.

Rivals pay glowing tributes to new US Open champion

Janzen takes giant first step into the unknown

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY

AMERICANS awoke yesterday to acclaim Lee Janzen, their latest sporting hero. They liked what they saw of the US Open champion.

Janzen is 28, tall and straight-backed, with a soft, boyish face, a fountain of curly blond hair and the outward air of a man who is the centre of attraction yet not quite sure why. He is so unsure of it, unaccustomed to it, that he cried three times within an hour of winning.

His world has been turned upside down by his two-stroke victory at Baltusrol on Sunday. Not only has he made himself financially secure for life, he has become a certainty for the United States team for the Ryder Cup at The Belfry in September.

Winning once? That's easy. The difficult part is doing so again and again. It remains to be seen whether Janzen is going to become the standard bearer for a new generation of American golfers or will become like Bob Tway or Larry Mize, who each won one major championship and little more? The signs are he belongs to the former category but then many thought Tway could become a great player, too.

Jack Nicklaus was once asked whether it was as hard to win a second major championship as a first. He could not remember; it was such a long time ago and majors fell to him as fast as leaves in autumn. "Probably," he replied, with a grin.

A lot of knowledgeable people have been saying good things about Janzen for some time now. Rick Smith, his coach, who also coaches Nicklaus and his son, Gary, likens Janzen's swing to Tom Wejskopf's in its flowing simplicity. Curtis Strange admires Janzen's competitive urge.

Nick Price, the US PGA champion, said: "Lee is intelligent, plays within himself and is an exceptionally good putter." Best of all, perhaps, was Tom Watson's ringing and prescient declaration after he had played with Janzen in the third round at Baltusrol. "He's a darn fine player. I don't think there are too many players in the world who can beat him."

What is striking about Janzen is that so little is striking. You could walk past without giving him a second glance. He talks softly with no particular elegance of phrase. He is Mr Middle America, a married man with no children who lives in central Florida.

Just as he is unostentatious in dress and manner, so his style of play is based on all-round competence rather than inordinate length or devastating accuracy. He is what Lee Trevino calls a "playing sonofabitch" — men who play without fanfare and get the job done.

Janzen certainly did that at Baltusrol and it is now apparent it had been coming for most of the year. Prior to the US Open, he had won two events in 17 months and had ten top ten finishes in 16 tournaments. He led the US Masters after the first round and took over the lead in the US Open after the second.

At that stage, he still had a lot to prove, chiefly whether he had the mental fortitude, not to mention the game, to survive at the head of a field in a major championship. If he had not had it at Augusta in April, when he fell away after his opening 67, he had at Baltusrol two months later, when he added a second 67 to his first-round 67.

He led outright or jointly from the end of the second round, no mean achievement considering his three previous US Opens had all ended after two rounds.

"Lee has a lovely golf swing, a great temperament and a beautiful putting stroke," Payne Stewart said, in a gracious tribute to his conqueror. "I saw him play a bunch last year and I've played with him a couple of times this year. He's a quality player. He's got the game and the ability to win a lot out here."

Lee Janzen has arrived. In the final few steps to this particular summit, he was blessed with several measures of luck — finding a good lie in the greenside rough on the 16th, from where he chipped in, and rebounding from a maple tree on the 17th fairway. But it is not the same as saying he is a lucky champion.

What matters is that, when he was given the chance to win the Open, he took it and became one of the youngest US Open winners. Life will never be the same for him from now on.

RUSTY KENNEDY



Moment of truth: Janzen celebrates chipping in from off the green at the 16th

US unless stated; (a) denotes amateur

272: L Janzen, 67, 67, 69, 69.
274: P Stewart, 70, 66, 68, 70.
277: C Perry (Aus), 66, 74, 69, 68; P Azinger, 71, 68, 65, 69.
278: S Hoch, 66, 72, 72, 68; T Watson, 70, 66, 73, 69.
279: E Els (SA), 71, 73, 68, 67; R Floyd, 66, 73, 70, 69; F Funk, 70, 72, 67, 70; N Henke, 72, 71, 67, 69.
280: L Roberts, 70, 70, 71, 69; J Sluman, 71, 71, 69, 69; J Adams, 70, 70, 69, 71; D Edwards, 70, 72, 66, 72; N Price (Zim), 71, 66, 70, 73.
281: B Lane (GB), 74, 68, 70, 69; M Standly, 70, 69, 70, 72; F Couples, 68, 71, 71, 71.
282: B McCallister, 69, 73, 73, 68; D Forsman, 73, 71, 70, 68; S Pate, 70, 71, 71, 70; T Leisman, 71, 70, 71, 70; C Pavin, 68, 69, 75, 70; I Baker-Finch 70, 70, 70, 72.
283: C Strange, 73, 68, 75, 67; N Ozaki (Japan), 70, 70, 74, 69; R Medlate, 68, 72, 73, 70; C Beck, 72, 68, 72, 71; K Perry, 74, 70, 68, 71; M Calcavecchia, 70, 70, 71, 72; J Cook, 75, 68, 70, 72; W Levi, 71, 69, 69, 74.
284: C Montgomerie (GB), 71, 72, 73, 68; S Lowery, 72, 71, 75, 66; R Gilder, 70, 69, 75, 70, M Ozaki (Japan), 71, 71, 72, 70; G Twiggs, 72, 72, 70, 70; W Andrade, 72, 67, 74, 71; L Rinker, 70, 72, 71, 71; J Daly, 72, 68, 72, 72; C Stadler, 67, 74, 71, 72; R Allenby (Aus), 74, 68, 69, 72; D Love III, 70, 74, 69, 72; S Elkington (Aus), 71, 70, 69, 74; M Donald, 71, 72, 67, 74.
285: S Simpson, 70, 73, 72, 70; M Brooks, 72, 68, 74, 71; M McCumber, 70, 71, 73, 71; B Clear, 70, 71, 72, 72; R Fehr, 71, 72, 70, 72; L Nelson, 70, 71, 71, 73.
286: K Triplett, 70, 72, 75, 69; I Woosnam (GB), 70, 74, 72, 70; F Allem (SA), 71, 70, 74, 71; E Kirby, 72, 71, 72, 71; M Christie, 70, 74, 71, 71; V Heafner, 70, 72, 73, 71; K Clearwater, 71, 72, 71, 72; A Lyle (GB), 70, 74, 70, 72; R Estes, 71, 73, 69, 73; J Maggert, 69, 70, 73, 74.
287: M Smith, 68, 72, 74, 73; A Knoll (Can), 71, 70, 73, 73; J Edwards, 71, 73, 70, 73; H Irwin, 73, 71, 71, 72; J D Blake, 72, 70, 71, 74; M Hulbert, 71, 73, 72, 71.
288: F Zoeller, 73, 67, 78, 70; S Gotsche, 70, 73, 71, 74; (a) J Leonard, 69, 71, 73, 75; B Faxon, 72, 71, 70, 75.
289: J Nicklaus, 70, 72, 76, 71; N Faldo (GB), 70, 74, 73, 72; G Waite (NZ), 69, 73, 74, 73; P Jordan, 71, 70, 73, 75; D Waldorf, 71, 72, 71, 75.
290: A Johnstone (Zim), 71, 72, 74, 73; J Hass, 71, 69, 75, 75; B Thompson, 71, 73, 71, 75; M Wiebe, 71, 72, 77, 70.
291: W Grady (Aus), 69, 75, 70, 77; E Schulz, 71, 73, 68, 79.
292: S Stricker, 72, 72, 76, 72.
294: S Flesch, 71, 70, 78, 75.
295: D Weaver, 70, 73, 77, 75; J Flannery, 73, 69, 75, 78.
297: R Wrenn, 68, 73, 80, 76.
298: R Gamez, 70, 72, 78, 78.

European Ryder Cup positions
GB and Ire unless stated

1, B Lane, 331,797.75pts; 2, C Montgomerie, 315,938.79; 3, B Langer (Ger), 309,041.48; 4, N Faldo, 295,702.50; 5, M James, 266,542.06; 6, S Torrance, 261,465.95; 7, J Spence, 227,734.31; 8, P Broadhurst, 225,929.28; 9, J Haeggman (Swe), 224,106.76; 10, D Gilford, 211,718.57; 11, G Brand Jr, 209,909.43; 12, J Payne, 205,870.84; 13, J M Olazabal (Sp), 197,856.71; 14, S Richardson, 186,828.41; 15, A Lyle, 186,808.68; 16, C Rocca (It), 183,855.25; 17, M A Jimenez (Sp), 182,590.32; 18, M Roe, 180,550.41; 19, I Woosnam, 165,831.67; 20, P Baker, 161,878.17.

Suns eclipsed as Paxson's rainbow ends the series

Simon Barnes believes that football's claim to be the world's most popular game is under serious challenge from basketball

A wild and melodramatic series ended in a wild and melodramatic way as John Paxson looped in a three-point shot with four seconds left in game six — a rainbow from three-point land, in the jargon — to give the Chicago Bulls victory over the Phoenix Suns in the National Basketball Association (NBA) finals in Phoenix on Sunday night.

Victory by 99-98 gave the Bulls a 4-2 win in the best-of-seven series. Michael Jordan, inevitably, was made the most valuable player of the series, for the third successive time as the Bulls won their third successive title: for only the third time, the three-peat had been achieved. Jordan's average of 41 points a game was also a record.

It was a wild and splendid few days of sport. But like most Brits, I have never thought much of the game before. Basketball has never really caught on in Britain. Most of us think there is something wrong with it; a slightly ridiculous game for physical freaks who take it in turns to score. Unlike our own territorial ball games, basketball has no midfield. Its thoughts and rhythms are alien to us.

But in the United States, and in much of the rest of the world, the game is vastly popular; and it grows more popular every year. There are a number of reasons for the game's enormous and still-increasing popularity: good television, a perfect vehicle for the superstar, and so on. But the game's chief charm is its wit.

Wit is seldom a part of American football, a game dominated by coaches and set plays. Basketball has the spontaneity and inventiveness of football. Players think, act and react "on the fly" as Americans put it. A singularly appropriate term in this gravity-defying sport.

And like football, basketball is a vernacular game. Pick-up games are part of national life in the United Statese. All you need is a ball and a hoop, and there are hoops everywhere, in suburban backyards and inner city parks.

And when you have cool dudes like Michael Jordan and Charles Barkley, the resident superstars with Chicago and Phoenix — mesmerising players backed up with billion-dollar image-making — you have a sport that compels the attention.

The finals were being shown on NBC in the States. This is the third-rated national network, but over the period of the finals, it has been No 1. And there is an international dimension. The championships were being screened in 109 countries worldwide: 56 of them were taking it live.

Barkley does a television commercial in Japan, of all places. He sells noodles: the Japanese get NBA games on television three times a week. Barkley is even appearing on posters in Britain, where he is not really famous for being a basketball player: he is famous for being famous.

Elsewhere in Europe, basketball is growing apace. In Italy, the centre of footballing excellence, professional basketball is bigtime and big money: second only to the NBA here.

The game is also growing fast in the Caribbean, where you can pick up NBA games by satellite. Since the NBA represents, above all things, an aura of cool black excellence, the game captures the imagination over there. Some people fear that cricket is losing its appeal at the expense of basketball.

All of which leaves us with a game that is soaring in popularity in the United States, and in the rest of the world. Not actually in Britain, where we still tend to curl the lip at the game. But it becomes increasingly clear that the Brits are out of step.

Football is the world's game, from the streets of Africa to the kampongs of Borneo and the Stadio Olimpico in Rome. But if the game has a rival, it can be found in the ever-more-popular game of basketball.

I can't see football conquering the States, but I can see all-American basketball moving in everywhere else in the world. Basketball is not an American aberration: it might just turn out to be the sport of the future.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Championship series: Chicago Bulls 99, Phoenix Suns 98 (Chicago win series 4-2).

BOWLS

WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Open tournament: Singles: First round: S Stockham (Redland Green) bt H N Pratt (Swindon), 21-7; E J Trueman (Lynton) bt D Fewings (St Andrews), 21-17; J Stevens (Westlands Sports) bt C Hargreaves (Clarence), 21-5; R Higgins (Clarence) bt E Turner (Malvern), 21-5; M T Dare (Kings Torquay) bt A Hall (Ashcombe), 21-9; V Haskins (Bristol St George) bt D Davies (Hereford), 21-7; M J Smith (Page Park) bt M Martin (Weston Victoria), 21-5; J D Nester (Rugby) bt R L Scrase (Hereford), 21-13; D Boutcher (Paignton) bt M Ludwell (Bristol St Andrews), 21-4; E L Rawle (Hereford) bt C Williams (Avonvale), 21-12; A Whittock (Frome) bt R S Holmes (PBA), 21-8; A T David (Taibach) bt D Lean (Worcester), 21-20; R G Poynter (Abergavenny) bt R S Smith (Page Park), 21-10; D J Mason (Weston Victoria) bt L Branham (Redland Green), 21-6; F A Farmer (Leamington Spa) bt A Hodgette (Clarence), 21-17; T S Ball (Ashcombe) bt H A Langmead (Worthing), 21-14; A Burbridge (Vines Park, Droitwich) bt G D Smith (Greenbank), 21-12; D Britton (Knowle) bt R Joyce (Leamington Spa), 21-13; E Vowles (Redland Green) bt R Nicoll (Hereford), 21-14; T Green (Torbay) bt W Harrison (Weston Victoria), 21-17.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES TROPHY: Jesmond: Cheshire 219-5 (I Cockbain 82; P C Graham 4-22); Northumberland 220-2 (A Rosaberry 126 not out). Northumberland won by 8 wickets. Bedford School: Hertfordshire 218-9 (M R Gouldstone 59); Bedfordshire 195 (K Jahangir 4-40). Hertfordshire won by 21 runs. Walsall: Staffordshire 249-6 (M I Humphries 55 not out, S D Myles 54); Shropshire 240-7 (M R Davies 109, T Parton 58). Staffordshire won by 9 runs.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: *Aldenham 100, Berkhamsted 101-9; *Blundell's 247-4 (J Gompertz 156), Plymouth 102-8; Caterham 180-7, *RGS Guildford 135-4; *Colston's 192-6, Bristol GS 161-9; Cranbrook 190-8, *Gravesend 66; *Dover 145, King's, Rochester 131; Downside 129, *Sherborne 130-5; Dulwich 220-6, *Merchant Taylors' Northwood 163-7; *Durham 340-1 (W Ritchie 207, C Clark 120 not out), Old Dunelmians 126; Ellesmere 190, *Wrekin 181-6; *Eltham 149, Cotte's 150-4; *Emanuel 204-5 (T Seaton 127 not out), John Fisher 99 (T Seaton 5-6); Enfield GS 125-9, *Haberdashers' Aske's 120-5; *Exeter 251-2 (A O F Le Fleming 134 not out), Shebbear 60-6; *Framlingham 191, Norwich 195-7; Free Foresters 165, *Cheltenham 95; *Hailsham 145-5, Glyn 117-8; *Harrow 215-3, Haileybury 155; Headmaster's XI 191-6, *Hampton 192-7; King Edward's, Southampton 169-8, *Bryanston 125-6 (G Bucknall 101 not out); King's, Taunton 134, *Clifton 102-9; *Maidstone GS 127, Kent Coll 90-8; Malvern A 184-9, *Christ's, Brecon 117; *Mayfield 182-4, British Cathedral 114-8; MCC 101, The Leys 109-3; *Nottingham 214-8, King's, Macclesfield, 140-7; Old Monktonians 141, *Monkton Combe 142-4; Peter's GS 171-6, *Dean Close 175-5 (B Hyde 100 not out); *Pease 229-4 (R Ragneuth 115 not out), Bedford Modern 143-7; *Pocklington 230-4 dec, St Peter's, York, 212-6; Queen's, Taunton 111, *King's, Bruton 114-9; QEGS, Wakefield 145-7, *Woodhouse Grove 149-5; Ratcliffe 100, *Wellingborough 101-2; *Repton 192-6, Shrewsbury 205-7; Rugby 237-8 (C Roberts 101), *Orpington 142-4; *Rutlish 102, Wellington GS 79; St Edmund's, Canterbury 89 (K Vandrau 7-32), St Lawrence, Ramsgate 72-6, *St Edward's, Oxford 178-7, Abingdon 127-7; *St George's, Weybridge 176, Epsom 177-2 (N F Harris 104 not out); Solihull 161, *Newcastle-under-Lyme 162-4; Stragglers of Asia 193-5, *Eastbourne 194-9 (A Bogdanowski 102); *Tiffin 174-8, Desborough 75; *Tonbridge 235-5 (J Ford 118 not out), Wellington (Berks) 145; Trent 128, *Oakham 129-4; *UCS 111, KCS Wimbledon 112-1; Whitgift 161, *Trinity 164-5; *Winchester 72, Eton 73-1; Wycliffe 196-8, *Kingswood 141-4.

B2

CYCLING

ISLE OF MAN INTERNATIONAL WEEK: Willaston Handicap road race (32 miles): 1, A Nadobenko (Kaz), 1hr 26min 15sec; 2, A Moskalev (Kaz); 3, F Laurance (Fr); 4, E Moriarty (Ire); 5, A Owen (Wales); 6, J van Schalk (Hol), all same time.
BASQUE TOUR: Fifth stage (Eibar to Amsta, 135km): 1, F Chiocciol (It), 3hr 34min 19sec; 2, P Ugrumov (Lat), same time; 3, S Della Santa (It), at 19 sec. Final overall placings: 1, Ugrumov, 22hr 59min 14sec; 2, Chiocciol, at 16sec; 3, Della Santa, 28; 4, Bugno, 4:22; 5, A Zulle (Switz), 4:35.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: St Louis Cardinals 7, Chicago Cubs 4; Los Angeles Dodgers 8, Cincinnati Reds 3; Pittsburgh Pirates 2, New York Mets 1; Atlanta Braves 5, Montreal Expos 1; Philadelphia Phillies 4, Florida Marlins 3; San Francisco Giants 8, Houston Astros 5; Colorado Rockies 3, San Diego Padres 1.

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia Phillies	48	20	.706	—
St Louis Cardinals	38	29	.567	9½
Montreal Expos	36	32	.529	12
Chicago Cubs	32	34	.485	15
Pittsburgh Pirates	32	35	.478	15½
Florida Marlins	31	37	.456	17
New York Mets	20	47	.298	27½

West division

San Francisco Giants	48	23	.667	—
Atlanta Braves	39	31	.557	7½
Los Angeles Dodgers	35	31	.530	9½
Houston Astros	34	32	.515	10½
Cincinnati Reds	32	37	.464	14
San Diego Padres	27	41	.397	18½
Colorado Rockies	23	44	.343	22

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit Tigers 7, Milwaukee Brewers 3; New York Yankees 8, Minnesota Twins 0; Baltimore Orioles 6, Cleveland Indians 3; Toronto Blue Jays 3, Boston Red Sox 2 (12 inns); Oakland Athletics 4, Kansas City Royals 1; Seattle Mariners 13, Texas Rangers 2; Chicago White Sox 11, California Angels 6.

East division

Detroit Tigers	43	25	.632	—
Toronto Blue Jays	42	26	.600	2
New York Yankees	41	29	.586	3
Baltimore Orioles	35	33	.515	8
Boston Red Sox	30	36	.441	13
Milwaukee Brewers	29	37	.439	13
Cleveland Indians	27	41	.397	16

West division

Kansas City Royals	35	31	.530	—
California Angels	34	32	.515	1
Chicago White Sox	34	32	.515	1
Seattle Mariners	34	34	.500	2
Texas Rangers	31	36	.463	5
Minnesota Twins	29	36	.446	5½
Oakland Athletics	28	38	.408	8

EQUESTRIANISM

ADDINGTON MANOR: International dressage meeting: Grand prix: 1, Contrast (M Henkel, Ger); 2, Amanco (B Cassalmann, Ger); 3, Falstaff (M Henschke, Ger). Intermediaire: 1, Jo Jo (K Maded, GB); 2, Regilio (M Schönmakers, Ger); 3, Sultan Du Pave (H Perring, Fr). Intermediaire freestyle: 1, Merlin (Henkel); 2, Jo Jo; 3, Regilio. German Pl 1: 1, Winston (Schönmakers); 2, Perl D'Or (Perring); 3, Oleiur (A Tissot, Fr).

FOOTBALL

SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group C: Argentina 1, Mexico 1; Colombia 1, Bolivia 1.
SPANISH LEAGUE: Tenerife 2, Real Madrid 0; Barcelona 1, Real Sociedad 0; Sporting Gijon 1, Seville 3; Albacete 1, Celta 1; Valencia 3, Real Oviedo 0; Logrones 1, Cadiz 0; Athletic Bilbao 2, Espanol 2; Atletico Madrid 2, Real Zaragoza 2. Leading final positions (after 38 matches): 1, Barcelona, 58pts; 2, Real Madrid, 57, 3, Deportivo la Coruña, 54.

GOLF

HAKUI, Japan: Open Championship: Asia/Japan qualifying tournament (Japan unless stated): 66: Y Mizumaki, N Sugai 68: K Suzuki, K Murota, W Smith (Aus), F Matsuoka, N Kawakami. 71: C Liang-hsi (Taiwan). 72: P Hpad (GB), R Gibson (Can), T C Chen (Taiwan), B Jones (Aus).
PITTSFORD, New York: Women's tournament: Final scores: 276: T Green, 74, 69, 69, 70. 277: P Sheehan, 69, 72, 68, 68. 278: H Alfredsson, 68, 75, 67, 68; K Robbins, 70, 71, 66, 71. 279: D Mochrie, 71, 71, 67, 70; A Ritzman, 70, 71, 68, 70. 280: M Mellon, 71, 67, 72, 70; B Burkowsky, 68, 71, 69, 71. British scores: 287: P Wright, 73, 73, 67, 74. 291: L Davies, 71, 73, 71, 76.

HOCKEY

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Men: Holland 3, England 2 (in The Hague); Holland 4, England 1 (Amstelveen). Mixed: England 0, Wales 2 (Milton Keynes).

MOTOR RALLYING

GULF OIL RAC HILL CLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP (Doune, Scotland): 1, D Grace (Pilbeam), 39.70sec; 2, M Colton (Roman), 40.18; 3, R Lane (Pilbeam), 40.46. Overall (after seven rounds): 1, Lane, 73pts; 2, Colton, 60; 3, Grace, 56.

ROWING

HENLEY: Women's regatta: Eights: Open: Bedford bt Tara (Ire), 4 lengths, 5min 5sec. Club: Cambridge Univ bt Weybridge, 2, 5:08. College: Lady Eleanor Holles bt Trinity College, Dublin, canvas, 5:11. Coxed fours: Open: Steinda bt Bedford, 4, 5:22. Club: London Univ bt City of Oxford, 1½, 5:38. College: Glasgow Univ bt 1st and 3rd Trinity, Cambridge, ¾, 5:42. Coxless fours: Open: GB squad (Westminster/Upper Thames/Thames) bt Bedford, not rowed out, 6:16. Lightweight: Thames Tradesmen bt Bedford, not rowed out, 5:22. Quad Sculls: Open: Tideway Scullers bt Thames, 4¼, 5:10. Coxless pairs: Open: GB squad (Putney Town/Thames) bt Upper Thames, 1½, 5:54. Lightweight: London Univ bt Thames Tradesmen, ¾, 5:53. Junior: Lea bt Henley, easily, 6:27. Double sculls: Open: Tideway Scullers bt Cambridge 99/City of Cambridge, not rowed out, 6:04. Lightweight: GB squad (Runcorn/Staines) bt Tideway Scullers, easily, 5:34. Junior: Nottingham County/Warrington bt Durham, ¾, 5:45. Sculls: Open: K Thomas (Weybridge) bt M Hussey (Tara, Ire), 1¼, 6:01. Lightweight: S Appelboom (Mortlake Anglian) bt N Cuming (Bedford High), easily, 6:08.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Inter-counties rifle championships: R Jarvis trophy (15 at 300 yds): 1, P Leslie (E Scotland), 75.14 (file, VV5/V6); 2, A Ringer (Norfolk), 75.14 (V4SV); 3, A Fitch (Sussex), 75.14 (SV4SV). Lt-Col H Jones memorial trophy (900, 500 and 600 yds): 1, Surrey, 1,182.170; 2, Devon, 1,167.163; 3, Norfolk, 1,167.143. NRA challenge trophy (900, 900 and 1,000 yards): 1, Yorkshire, 1,719.187; 2, Surrey, 1,710.195; 3, Hertfordshire, 1,704.175. Aggregate challenge trophy (long and short ranges): 1, Surrey, 2,892.355; 2, Yorkshire, 2,874.333; 3, Hertfordshire, 2,860.310.
BISLEY: Sawyer Cup (schools 8). 1, Brachfield, 505; 2, Epsom, 498; 3, Wellington, 495. Reserve pairs: 1, RGS Guildford, 127. Cadet pairs: 1, Wellington, 124.
JERSEY: Channel Islands rifle championship: Queen's II and III: 1, R Courtney (Guer), 294; 2, Cliff Mallett (Jer), 292; 3, R Benest (Jer), 291. Inter-Island teams: 1, Jersey, 1,187; 2, Guernsey, 1,168.

VOLLEYBALL

WOMEN'S WORLD GRAND PRIX: Final: Cuba 3, China 0. Third place: Russia 3, Brazil 1.
MEN'S WORLD LEAGUE: Group A: Russia 3, Germany 1; Brazil 3, United States 0; Japan 3, Greece 2. Group B: China 3, Finland 0; Cuba 3, Holland 1; Italy 3, South Korea 0.

YACHTING

HARTLEPOOL: Teesside Laser Olympic regatta: Overall: 1, K Wilkins, 1.5pts; 2, R Stanhouse, 7; 3, R Sydenham, 9.
STRATHCLYDE: Ultra 30 grand prix: 1, Black Bottle (L Smith), 130pts; 2, Roland Sigmeker (P Newlands), 80; 3, O Stewart (Rockport), 85.

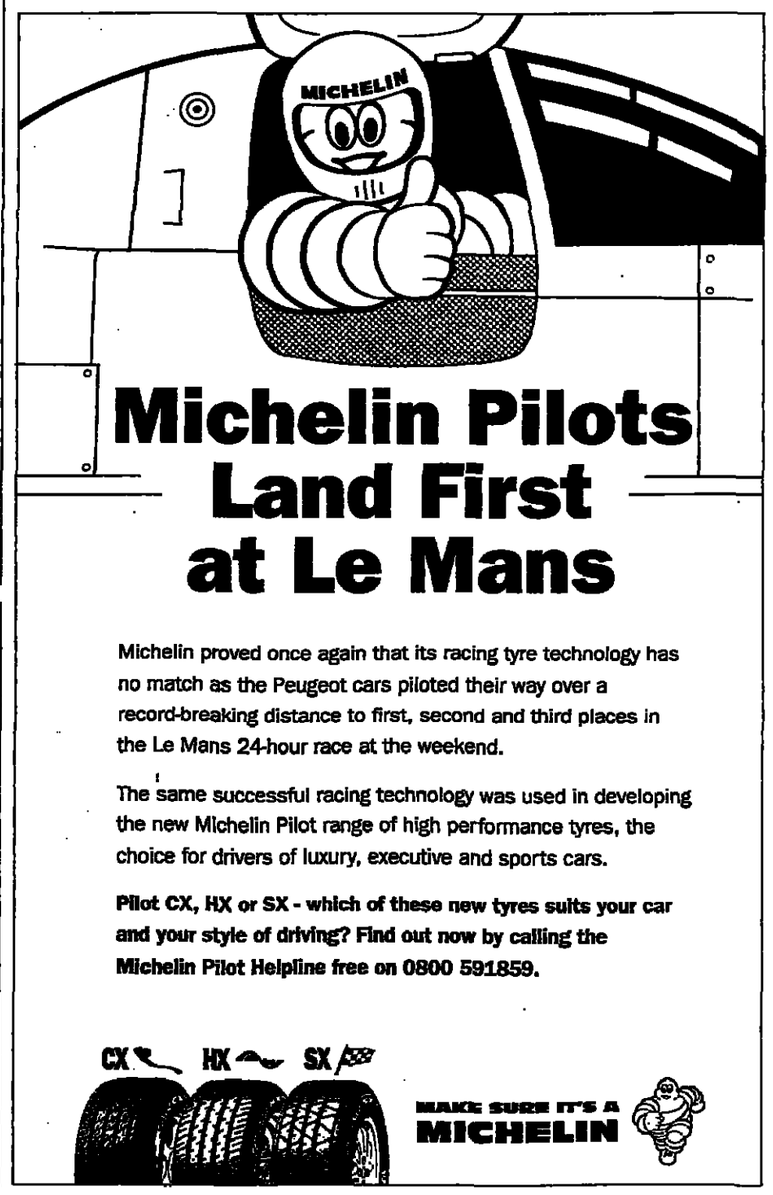
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RACING

Saturday June 26

VICTORIA SECOND DIVISION
1 Box Hill v Dowson
1 Clarinda v Bentleigh
1 E Brunswick v S Caulfield
X Nunawading v Chelsea
2 Sandr'gh'm v Clifton Hill
X Sunbury v Springvale U
1 Waverley v Moorooibark

VICTORIA THIRD DIVISION
2 Corio v Moorabbin
1 Essendon v Dandenong
1 Keilor v Eltham
1 Lalor Utd v Fitzroy
1 S Dander'g v Pascoe V
2 Seaford Utd v S Werribee

VICTORIA FOURTH DIVISION
1 Brighton v Coburg
1 Geelong v Boronia
1 Kerrigal v Mornington
1 Rosanna v Cranbourne
2 S Springvale v E Altona
X Yarraville v Melvern

VICTORIA FIFTH DIVISION
1 Brandon Pk v Ballarat
X Lalor v S Wantirna
2 Melton v Frankston U
1 Springvale C v Forest Hill
X Westville v E Geelong
1 Williamstown v Banwick
2 Yallourn v Heidelberg

VICTORIA SIXTH DIVISION
X Brunsw'k C v E Richm'd
2 Hampton v N Sunshine
X Keysboro v Lyndale
X Monbulk v Hoppers
2 N Glenroy v Glenroy
2 Wantirna v Knox Pk

WEST AUSTRALIA FIRST DIVISION
1 Inglewood v Bassendean
2 Kelmscott v Athena
2 Osborne Pk v Bayswater
1 Somerco v Fremantle
1 Spearw'd v Rockingh'm
1 Stirling M v Perth Ist

WEST AUSTRALIA SECOND DIVISION
X Armadale Pk v Ashfield
1 Melville v Queens Pk
X Swan Crac v Goonells
1 Swan IC v Dianella
1 Wanneroo v North Lake

SOUTH AUSTRALIA FIRST DIVISION
2 Adelaide C v Enfield
1 Blue Eagles v Modbury
X Olympians v Salisbury
1 Para Hills v Woodville
1 WT Bricats v Croydon

QUEENSLAND THIRD DIVISION
1 Annerley v Redlands
1 Latrobe v Goodna
2 Logan v South Star

NEW SOUTH WALES SECOND DIVISION
1 Fairfield v Penrith
X Sydney Dist v Granville

TASMANIA SOUTH FIRST DIVISION
2 Dosa v Sth Hobart
1 Kingborough v Phoenix
X Metro v PO Saints
2 Nelson v University
1 Rapid v Howrah

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Nunawading, Sunbury, Yarraville, Lalor, Werribee, Keysboro, Monbulk, Armadale Park, Swan Crac, Olympians, Sydney District, Metro.
BEST DRAWS: Yarraville, Keysboro, Monbulk, Swan Crac, Metro.
AWAYS: Moorabbin, East Altona, Heidelberg, North Sunshine, Glenroy, Knox Park, Athena, Bayswater.
HOMES: Box Hill, Waverley, Lalor United, Brighton, Rosanna, Brandon Park, Williamstown, Inglewood, Speanwood, Wanneroo, Annerley, Fairfield.

☐ Vince Wright

Haynes's batting rises above farce


Haynes: masterful

By Jack Bailey

BATH (final day of four): Middlesex (22pts) beat Somerset (5) by five wickets

DESMOND Haynes was responsible for delivering a damaging blow and the *coup de grâce* as Middlesex defeated Somerset with six balls to spare yesterday and retained joint top place in the Britannic Assurance championship. First, Haynes took the catch that ended Somerset's innings 17 runs prior to the figure agreed between the captains. Then he scored his first century of the season in an admirably paced innings, holding Middlesex together when they were in danger of sliding against Mushtaq Ahmed and later bringing them within sight of home with a flurry of fine strokes.

It was a masterful innings, played by a master batsman and it was good enough to make you forget — almost, but not quite — the connivance between the captains and some farcical cricket during Somerset's second innings that conspired to make it all possible. Middlesex were finally set to make 258 from 70 overs. According to the master plan it should have been 275 from rather fewer overs, and that could have made all the difference.

As it was, Haynes made a steady first fifty from 112 balls, while three wickets were lost at the other end. Ramprakash played a crucial part, scoring 48 of the 95 added for the second wicket; and then Brown, arriving when the innings and the whole match were in the balance, played just the supporting role required.

Haynes's second fifty came from 52 balls. Brown helped him in establishing an ascendency over Mushtaq just as the little wizard was threatening to put an entirely different complexion on the game. It was no sort of pitch for Mushtaq, but he bamboozled Carr *embarrassingly before having him leg*-before with the flipper and for a time, with 102 still needed from the last 20 overs, anything was possible.

Although only two sessions had been lost in three days' cricket, such was the nature of this relaid pitch — on the slow side with eccentrically variable bounce — that batsmen had perforce been wary throughout and progress had been slow. Given this, and the position of both sides near the top of the table, one plank upon which four-day cricket had been sold was thrown overboard.

The captains got together and wrote a script for the morning's play. Briefly, it meant that Middlesex would bowl their second-line or third-line bowlers and Somerset would set them 275 to win in the two remaining sessions after lunch. This went passibly well against the leg breaks of Haynes and Carr's off breaks. Burns cashed in with a stream of fours and the odd six; Rose also dispatched the bowling to all parts. Tavaré was so becalmed by the joke bowling, however, that Carr resorted to the second-line bowling of Keech. This suited Tavaré who could score more freely against accurate medium pace, but it began to account all too swiftly for the others.

With Haynurst and Fletcher absent through illness and injury, the upshot was that with seven wickets down and the last two Somerset men together, they were still short of the agreed target when Van Troost mowed the ball to square-leg.

Carr, the captain, *mindful of his* agreement shouted: "Don't catch it!" But Haynes did catch it. Carr asked for the catch to be rescinded, but, there having been no appeal, it could not be and a farcical Somerset innings ended appropriately.

Manchester starts fund to help poor relations



David Miller in Lausanne looks at the latest move in the bidding to host the 2000 Olympic Games

The Olympic Games have lost their moral direction, some say. The Manchester Olympic bid and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) have just launched initiatives that may reverse the trend.

Manchester this week revealed, during the hundredth session of the IOC, at which the £45 million Olympic museum is to be unveiled tomorrow, a vote-catching campaign directed at Olympic minorities. As Olympic hosts, Manchester would create a £17 million Millennium Foundation to assist the participation at the 2000 Games of third-world countries.

At the same time, the IOC announced yesterday the creation of a totally independent Supreme Council of International Sport Arbitration, binding on all Olympic sports and competitors, that should reduce to a minimum the damaging litigation of civil court actions. Simultaneously, the IOC and the summer sport federations (ASOIF) agreed on uniform and binding regulations on drugs control.

The Millennium Foundation, *devised by Bob Scott*, the leader of the Manchester bid, is a key factor in Manchester's calculated sprint finish towards voting day in September and is intended to win the allegiance of IOC members from poorer African, Asian and Latin American nations. It is a move that strikes at the core of rival host cities.

From this week, Manchester is raising the pitch of its challenge to Peking and Sydney, the perceived leaders in the host city race. Following the session, 21 IOC members travel by charter plane to Manchester to view the British bid, then pay a visit to the Wimbledon tennis championships and will be entertained to dinner by John Major, who is committed to full-scale support of Britain's campaign.

The proposal for the foundation, to be funded from Manchester's operating budget and administered by an independent panel, avoids giving unnecessary incentive subsidies in travel and accommodation to rich countries and instead help the poor.

The £17 million would provide training and welfare for Olympic contenders *in their own country immedi*ately following the 1996 Games in Atlanta; equipment for training; transport to and from the Millennium Games; and access to training and competition in Britain prior to the Games. The entire fund would be spent by the end of the Games, independent of profit or loss. Countries would be invited to apply to the foundation for support.

Mario Vazquez Raña, president of the Association of National Olympic Committees, is a probable member of the administrative panel. In a letter to Scott, he said: "I share the idea that all nations should be able to enjoy the same opportunities . . . I like the idea of the foundation, conceived in a way that gives the opportunity to the countries that most need it."

While Manchester help the small fry, the IOC aims to run the cheats out of town. In a move fully supported by Primo Nebiolo and João Havelange, respective presidents of the foremost Olympic sports, athletics and football, it has created an arbitration panel that will include four athletes' representatives and four eminent individuals from beyond sport to ensure acceptance by the courts of democratic states, which would also assist in enforcing decisions.

The constitution of Olympic Sports Federations will require competitors to be obliged to accept the referral of appeals to the arbitration council and, with the support of such prominent authorities as the US Olympic Committee, the status of the arbitration council might even be accepted by American civil courts, thereby ending such traumas as the disputes between Butch Reynolds or Katrin Krabbe and athletics authorities.

Keba M'Baye, a retired international high court judge, from Senegal, and Francois Carrard, director of the IOC and a prominent Swiss lawyer, are confident that the arbitration council's constitution will find acceptability among state courts, thereby validating the council's findings.

The agreement among all Olympic sports federations on drugs will strengthen their collective action. They have agreed to accelerate unification of their procedures in competition and random testing; to recognise suspensions imposed by another federation; to collaborate with the governmental organisations to combat trafficking; and to make these principles conditional for inclusion in the Olympic programme.

Resolution of Robinson denies Essex the spoils

By Ivo Tennant

TRENT BRIDGE (final day of four): Nottinghamshire (5pts) drew with Essex (5)

THIS was a match the county champions should have won — perhaps even had to win — and they knew it. After leaving Nottinghamshire to make 332 in a minimum of 73 overs, they had seven batsmen out by the start of the last 20 overs, but managed to take only one.

Essex could not rid themselves of Robinson. On a spongy pitch such as this, he was the very last batsman they wanted to see come in down the order with 38 overs remaining. But then, it would have been a somewhat contrived victory in that Stephenson and Jonathan Lewis were fed with no shortage of joke bowling which enabled them to reach their first centuries of the season and Essex to declare in good time.

There will be those left bemused, as well as saddened, by Nottinghamshire's decision to leave Randall out of this match — and quite possibly out of their championship side for the remainder of the season. That is their prerogative, considering his age, but he would at least have given them his best shot yesterday. No one else, other than Robinson, managed to do so.

A comeback of a different kind, however, cannot be completely out of the question. Earlier in the season Pringle declared in his local newspaper that England would have to be desperate to pick him for the Texaco Trophy matches. The very next day they did exactly that. And now, of course, they really are desperate.

Since this is the venue for the third Test as well as Chris Lewis's home ground comparisons were obvious. Pringle was fully clothed, kept a tidy line and swung the ball into the batsmen. Each of his four wickets came through late movement, Johnson actually shouldering arms to one that hit the top of his leg stump.

Only when Pollard and Saxelby were putting on 70 for the first wicket did you feel that Nottinghamshire had an inkling that victory could be theirs. This might have had something to do with having lost four of their six matches since going to the top of the championship table. Then again, it might have been because Randall was not there to imbue them with self-belief.

After Pollard went to a lovely running catch by Ilott and Saxelby had been taken at the wicket, no one other than the captain stayed for long. Archer tamely chipped a catch to mid-wicket and Cairns, like Johnson, was out without playing a stroke.

Pringle had French and Evans leg before in quick succession, the former to one that kept low, and when Pick was out to Salim Malik's leg spin, Essex were left with 12 overs in which to take the last two wickets. It is hard to imagine that they would not have done so in the past.

One would like to report that Robinson had dropped himself down the order in case of this very eventuality. The truth, though, is that he has been troubled by a wrist he apparently broke some time ago without realising he had done so. This was not, as someone cruelly suggested, through shaking the hands of his many well-wishers, but through batting with the kind of concentration and resolve he showed here.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE


Young master: Shane Warne in action at Lord's yesterday, when the Australian leg-spinner completed match figures of eight for 159. Report, page 44

Opening pair too good for Sussex

By Peter Ball

OLD TRAFFORD (final day of four): Lancashire (21pts) beat Sussex (7) by four wickets

AFTER having the worst of much of the first three days, Lancashire came through in style yesterday, gaining their third championship victory of the season with a fine fourth-innings batting performance, scoring the 326 for victory with 17 overs to spare.

In the end, in spite of a late flurry of wickets, Lancashire's win was unexpectedly easy. Yet it had looked a formidable task when they began needing a further 309 on a pitch which had turned from the first day.

Sussex may feel, with some justification, that their bowlers did not do themselves justice. But as always for a side chasing a sizable total in the fourth innings, a good start was essential, and Mendis and Titchard provided it.

They are not a pairing to spring to mind in the great Lancashire tradition of Hornby and Barlow, MacLaren and Spooner, Makepeace and Hallows, Ikin and Washbrook, or even Pullar and Green, but they could hardly have done a better job for their side.

The unfortunate Titchard faces a return to the second XI to make way for Atherton, but the England opener was hardly missed. Both had their moments of fortune, as they needed to, but both combined the necessary watchfulness with a readiness to punish anything loose.

By the time they were parted, they had put Lancashire well on the way to victory with a stand of 179, their second century partnership of the game, only the eighth time Lancashire openers have achieved that in the championship, and the first time for 30 years.

As Mendis and then Titchard departed, Lancashire's target briefly loomed large again, but Speak and Fairbrother ensured that there was no cause for alarm.

Speak used his feet to kill the spin and hit cleanly over the top, while Fairbrother improvised in familiar vein as he passed his 12,000 runs for his county.

Benson to lead England party

ENGLAND'S selectors appeared to have pulled a wild card from the pack of potential captains when Mark Benson *was named yesterday to* lead a representative party to Holland next month (Alan Lee writes). Appearances, however, were deceptive.

Benson, 34, is a fine opening batsman, who should have played more than two Test matches, and he has made an impression as captain of Kent for the past three seasons. His promotion above more obvious England candidates, though, is because the selectors could choose from only four of the 18 counties.

The England XI will play two games, both on a coconut matting pitch at the Royal Haarlem club, near Amsterdam. There is to be a 40-overs match on Friday July 9 and a 55-overs game the following day, but nobody who is involved in either the Benson and Hedges Cup final, or the Sunday league programme, was considered for selection.

Benson is one of five Kent players, including the two new-ball bowlers, Alan Igglesden and Martin McCague, *one or both of whom could be* in the team for the next Test. The most imaginative name, in a party to be managed by Keith Fletcher, is Jimmy Daley, the teenage Durham batsman.

PARTY: M R Benson (Kent, captain), R J Blakey (Yorkshire), J A Daley (Durham), M V Fleming (Kent), N Hussain (Essex), A P Igglesden (Kent), M C Ilott (Essex), P W Jarvis (Yorkshire), M J McCague (Kent), P J Prichard (Essex), R D Stemp (Yorkshire), T R Ward (Kent).

COUNTY TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bwl	Pts
Glam (14)	7	4	1	2	14	23	101
Middx (11)	7	4	0	3	11	26	101
Kent (2)	7	3	2	2	18	24	90
Surrey (13)	6	3	1	2	12	23	83
Somerset (9)	6	3	3	0	8	23	79
Lancs (12)	6	3	1	2	16	14	78
Notts (4)	6	2	1	2	11	20	71
Hants (15)	7	2	2	3	11	21	64
Northants (3)	6	2	2	2	11	19	62
Warks (6)	6	2	2	2	7	20	59
Yorks (16)	6	2	1	3	10	17	59
Worcs (17)	6	2	1	2	4	13	57
Essex (1)	8	1	1	4	10	21	56
Derbys (5)	7	1	3	3	11	24	51
Sussex (7)	7	1	4	2	11	21	48
Leics (8)	5	1	3	1	6	18	40
Durham (18)	7	0	4	3	10	18	28
Gloucs (10)	6	0	4	2	5	19	24

Nottinghamshire and Worcestershire 8 points for a tied match.

Durham destroyed by Watkin's haul

By Geoffrey Wheeler

GLAMORGAN, saved by the rain against Surrey last week, beat Durham by 113 runs at Colwyn Bay yesterday, their fourth win of the season, to retain their position at the head of the championship table alongside Middlesex.

There were four more wickets for the hard-working Steve Watkin, taking his season's total to 48, as Durham, who began the day at 62 for two, were bowled out for 287, despite half-centuries from Ian Botham, Phil Bainbridge and Anderson Cummins.

It is now over a year since Durham won a championship match, largely due to their inability to bowl sides out.

Gloucestershire, the only side below them, are unable to score enough runs to give their bowlers a chance, although they had no trouble saving the game at Sheffield after following on. Chris Broad, who made 87, his best score since returning to the county, was well supported by Mark Alleyné, who made 78.

Kevan James, who hit nine fours in his 71, and Paul Terry, who finished unbeaten with 58, piloted Hampshire to a comfortable seven-wicket victory at Northampton.

☐ For once, main interest in today's first round of the NatWest Trophy will centre not upon the giant-killing attempts by the minor counties, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, but on the two matches involving first-class counties.

Kent play Middlesex at Canterbury, where Martin McCague and Alan Igglesden will be intent on showing that they can provide a more cutting edge to the England attack at Trent Bridge next week.

Northamptonshire, the bolders, with David Capel missing with a broken arm, are sure to be hard pressed by Lancashire, who have already booked their place in one Lord's final and are running well in the championship under Neil Fairbrother, in whom the selectors must still be interested.

David Gower, after a fortnight out of the game with a fractured rib, returns to the Hampshire team to play against Staffordshire at Stone, while Hertfordshire play Gloucestershire at Bristol.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Britannic Assurance *county championship*

Lancashire v Sussex

OLD TRAFFORD *(final day of four): Lancashire (21pts) beat Sussex (7) by four wickets*

SUSSEX: First Innings 403 (C W J Athey 101, P Moores 85 not out, J W Hall 53, G Yates 5 for 106, Wasim Akram 4 for 55).

Second Innings 202 (K Greenfield 60, A P Wells 53; A A Barnett 5 for 65).

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 280 (G D Mendis 63, S P Titchard 57; B T P Donelan 5 for 112).

Second Innings

G D Mendis lbw b Hemmings	85
S P Titchard b Donelan	67
N J Speak c sub b Donelan	59
*N H Fairbrother b Hemmings	37
G D Lloyd b Donelan	7
P A J DeFreitas not out	8
Wasim Akram lbw b Donelan	7
†W K Hegg not out	3
Extras (b 13, lb 2, nb 18)	33
Total (6 wkts)	326

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-179 2-201 3-298 4-307 5-312 6-322.

G Yates, P J Martin and A A Barnett did not bat.

BOWLING: Stephenson 13-2-35-0; Hemmings 39.2-10-100-2; Donelan 35-3-157-4; Jones 5-0-19-0.

Umpires: G I Burgess and B Leadbeater.

Nottinghamshire v Essex

TRENT BRIDGE *(final day of four): Nottinghamshire (5pts) drew with Essex (5)*

ESSEX: First Innings 450 for 8 dec (Salim Malik 121, J P Stephenson 87, P J Prichard 58, M C Ilott 50 not out).

Second Innings

*P J Prichard c Archer b Cairns	8
J P Stephenson not out	113
J J B Lewis not out	136
Extras (b 1, lb 2)	3
Total (1 wkt dec)	260

FALL OF WICKET: 1-18.

Salim Malik, N Hussain, N Shahid, †M A Garnham, D R Pringle, M C Ilott, S J W Andrew and J H Childs did not bat.

BOWLING: Cairns 8-2-19-1; Pick 12-1-30-0; Evans 14-4-33-0; Afford 19-8-42-0; Field-Buss 8-4-5-0; Pollard 8-0-58-0; Archer 8.3-0-72-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 378 for 6 dec (M Saxelby 57, R T Robinson 59, C L Cairns 90, G F Archer not out 59).

Second Innings

P R Pollard c Ilott b Childs	29
M Saxelby c Garnham b Ilott	38
G F Archer c Ilott b Pringle	30
P Johnson b Pringle	21
C L Cairns lbw b Childs	0
*R T Robinson not out	30
†B N French lbw b Pringle	6
K P Evans lbw b Pringle	4
R A Pick lbw b Salim Malik	18
M G Field-Buss not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 2, w 1, nb 14)	21
Total (8 wkts)	197

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-70 2-75 3-122 4-125 5-125 6-133 7-143 8-184.

J A Afford did not bat.

BOWLING: Ilott 20-3-54-1; Andrew 11-5-39-0; Childs 24-7-50-2; Pringle 13.5-4-33-4; Salim Malik 8-3-15-1.

Umpires: H D Bird and B Dudleston.

Somerset v Middlesex

BATH *(final day of four): Middlesex (22pts) beat Somerset (5) by five wickets*

SOMERSET: First Innings 318 (I Fletcher 65 retired hurt, N A Folland 54; N F Williams 4 for 71).

Second Innings

†N D Burns c Keech b Haynes	79
N A Folland st Brown b Weekes	23
R J Harden c Brown b Carr	24
G D Rose c Haynes b Keech	38
*C J Tavaré c Carr b Keech	43
Mushtaq Ahmed c sub b Carr	16
N A Mallender c Ramprakash b Carr	0
J I D Kerr not out	4
A P Van Troost c Haynes b Carr	0
A N Hayhurst absent ill	0
I Fletcher absent hurt	0
Extras (b 4, lb 4, w 3)	11
Total	240

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-54 2-106 3-150 4-206 5-236 6-239 7-240 8-240.

BOWLING: Fraser 4-0-18-0; Williams 3-1-7-0; Emburey 11-8-11-0; Weekes 14-2-32-1; Carr 10.5-0-73-4; Haynes 7-1-61-1; Keech 7-1-30-2.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 301 for 8 dec (M R Ramprakash 70).

Second Innings

D L Haynes c Burns b Van Troost	115
M Keech lbw b Rose	5
M R Ramprakash c Burns b Kerr	48
*J D Carr lbw b Mushtaq Ahmed	6
P N Weekes c Tavaré b Rose	9
†K R Brown not out	38
J E Emburey not out	6
Extras (lb 23, nb 8)	31
Total (5 wkts)	258

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12 2-107 3-122 4-161 5-248.

R J Sims, M A Feltham, N F Williams and A R C Fraser did not bat.

BOWLING: Mallender 14-1-32-0; Van Troost 9-2-37-1; Rose 12-4-38-2; Kerr 7-0-29-1; Mushtaq Ahmed 27-5-101-1.

Umpires: B J Meyer and G Sharp.

Northamptonshire v Hampshire

NORTHAMPTON *(final day of four): Hampshire (21pts) beat Northamptonshire (4) by seven wickets*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 125 (R J Bailey 59; K J Shine 6 for 62).

Second Innings 303 (A Fordham 109, K M Curran 71).

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 247 (C E L Ambrose 5 for 76).

Second Innings

T C Middleton b Ambrose	4
R S M Morris c Ripley b Ambrose	41
K D James run out	71
V P Terry not out	58
*M C J Nicholas not out	5
Extras (lb 3)	3
Total (3 wkts)	182

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18 2-98 3-160.

J R Wood, †A N Aymes, M D Marshall, S D Udal, C A Connor and K J Shine did not bat.

BOWLING: Ambrose 19-7-28-2; Curran 9-2-31-0; Taylor 10-2-32-0; Cook 18-5-57-0; Bailey 17-8-30-0; Loye 0.1-0-1-0.

Umpires: J W Holder and R Palmer.

Glamorgan v Durham

COLWYN BAY *(final day of four): Glamorgan (22pts) beat Durham (6) by 113 runs*

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 300 (A Dale 80, H Morris 52; I T Botham 4 for 11).

Second Innings 363 for 7 dec (A Dale 85, M P Maynard 96, I V A Richards 62 not out).

DURHAM: First Innings 283 (W Larkins 77, P Bainbridge 71; R D B Croft 4 for 70).

Second Innings

I T Botham c Cottey b Watkin	50
J Wood b Watkin	8
J A Daley c Metson b Lefebvre	17
P Bainbridge c James b Croft	62
P J Berry c James b Barwick	10
A C Cummins c Maynard b Watkin	56
†C W Scott not out	20
*D A Graveney lbw b Watkin	0
S J E Brown c Barwick b Lefebvre	14
Extras (lb 6, nb 8)	14
Total	287

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12 2-60 3-86 4-97 5-157 6-217 7-252 8-254 9-256.

BOWLING: Watkin 23-4-63-4; Lefebvre 22.2-7-50-3; Barwick 22-12-29-1; Croft 21-7-40-2; Dale 10-1-52-0; Richards 4-1-18-0.

Umpires: R Julian and A G T Whitehead.

Yorkshire v Gloucestershire

SHEFFIELD *(final day of four): Yorkshire (6pts) drew with Gloucestershire (5)*

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 445 (P J Hartley 102, P W Jarvis 76, A A Metcalfe 63, R B Richardson 54, C White 53; K E Cooper 5 for 83).

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

B C Broad c Richardson b Jarvis	5
G D Hodgson b Jarvis	57
*M W Alleyne c Stemp b Jarvis	82
A J Wright c Blakey b White	4
T H C Hancock b White	22
†R C Russell lbw b Batty	17
R M Wight lbw b Batty	29
C A Walsh c White b Batty	0
M Davies b Hartley	18
K E Cooper lbw b Batty	0
J M de la Pena not out	7
Extras (lb 4, nb 16)	20
Total	241

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-129, 3-136, 4-153, 5-166, 6-185, 7-191, 8-226, 9-226.

BOWLING: Jarvis 34-12-78-3; Robinson 32-14-48-0; Hartley 19.1-10-39-1; Batty 31-15-27-4; Stemp 13-4-13-0; White 16-6-32-2.

Score after 120 overs: 218-7.

Second Innings

B C Broad c Blakey b Robinson	87
G D Hodgson lbw b Stemp	21
M W Alleyne c and b Richardson	78
T H C Hancock not out	29
*A J Wright not out	0
Extras (lb 10, nb 10)	20
Total (3 wkts dec)	235

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-68 2-161 3-235.

BOWLING: Jarvis 17-3-33-0; Hartley 7-1-22-0; White 8-0-15-0; Robinson 12-4-52-1; Stemp 21-7-47-1; Batty: 18-3-51-0; Richardson 2-0-5-1.

Bonus points: Yorkshire 6, Gloucestershire 3.

Umpires: D J Constant and R A White.

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY

Southampton: Hampshire 137-9 (R M S Cox 81); Northamptonshire 176. Hampshire won by 11 runs.

Blackpool: Lancashire 230-4 (R C Irani 108 not out); Derbyshire 153 (I G S Steer 72; I D Austin 4-12). Lancashire won by 77 runs.

Taunton: Somerset 307-8 (K A Parsons 149, M E Trescothick 56); Glamorgan 232 (J Bishop 81; K A Parsons 4-45). Somerset won by 89 runs.

Worcester: Worcestershire 152 (R L Robinson 52; A M Smith 4-19); Gloucestershire 153-3 (R I Dawson 54 not out). Gloucestershire won by seven wickets.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

NatWest Trophy
First round
10.30, 60 overs a side
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Hertfordshire
BURY ST EDMUNDS: Suffolk v Essex
CANTERBURY: Kent v Middlesex
EDINBURGH (Myreside): Scotland v Worcestershire
EXMOUTH: Devon v Derbyshire
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Ireland
HOVE: Sussex v Minor Counties Wales
LAKENHAM: Norfolk v Warwickshire
MARLOW: Buckinghamshire v Leicestershire
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Lancashire
STONE: Staffordshire v Hampshire
SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Oxfordshire
TELFORD (St George's): Shropshire v Somerset
THE OVAL: Surrey v Dorset
TROWBRIDGE: Wiltshire v Durham
WARRINGTON: Cheshire v Nottinghamshire
BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Southampton: Hampshire v Somerset. Worksop College: Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire. Oxted: Surrey v Essex. Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Worcestershire.

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BASKERVILLE
(c) The name of John Baskerville (1706-75), type-founder and printer, applied to types of his founding re-cut: "The slight touch of over-delicacy which the Baskerville letter possessed."

MALLAM
(b) A learned man, scribe, teacher, adapted from the Hausa *mallams and juju men for a hundred miles around and commanded them to give the baby medicine."*

FRUSTRANEOUS
(b) Vain, useless, ineffectual, unprofitable, from the Latin *frustraneus, frustra* in vain; Milton, *Eikon*: "A most insufficient and frustraneous meanes."

TAYACIAN
(c) Of, pertaining to, or designating a palaeolithic flake industry of which remains were first found at Tayac (Dordogne) in SW France, an eponym: "The chopper-small-tool complex is represented in Europe by the Clactonian and the Tayacian."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
White ignores the attack on his rook and mate is unavoidable.

Candy sweet on Plate claims

By Julian Muscat



ED BYRNE

In charge: opposition to Commander In Chief in Sunday's Budweiser Irish Derby is diminishing

AN 8lb penalty has taken Brier Creek's weight up to 10st 4lb for Saturday's Newcastle Brown Ale Northumberland Plate, for which 29 were declared at yesterday's forfeit stage.

Only nine are in the handicap proper, among them Not In Doubt, due to carry 8st 4lb and promptly installed favourite by Ladbrokes at 11-2. The firm then offer 8-1 against Balasani, a winner at Royal Ascot, 10-1 Quick Ransom and 12-1 Castle Cavalier, Welsh Mill and Brier Creek.

Not In Doubt heads the betting on account of two sterling efforts in stakes company, most recently when just caught by Brier Creek in the group three Henry II Stakes at Sandown. Henry Candy's four-year-old can meet that rival on 28lb better terms on Saturday.

"That form may be a bit flattering," Candy said yesterday. "Nevertheless, you've got to have a go." Not In Doubt is not at his best when the ground is soft, but Candy, fresh from harvesting the hay crop at his Wantage base, is anticipating a dry week.

Unlike many trainers with their eye on this £100,000 handicap, known as the Pitman's Derby, Candy is hoping John Gosden allows Brier Creek to take his chance.

"I'd love him to, but I think it's asking a lot of the horse with that weight," he said.

Prior to running Brier Creek so close, Not In Doubt finished on the heels of Roll A Dollar and Assessor when fourth in the Sagaro Stakes at Ascot. While Ladbrokes have chosen to take heed of group-race form, Hills make Not In Doubt their 8-1 joint-favourite with Balasani.

Candy could understand the logic, saying: "I will probably campaign the horse in Cup races over two miles for the rest of the season, but that doesn't mean he is going to win a handicap. It's a desperately hard race even though his chance looks outstanding."

Should Brier Creek defect from the two-mile test, Luca Cumani's Duke Of Eurolink will be elevated to top weight of 9st 10lb, precipitating an 11lb rise in the weights. However, Cumani would then have to consider whether to run his consistent handicapper, who is unproven over the trip.

Should he, too, pull out, the weights would rise by no less than 20lb, with Not In Doubt forfeiting much of his favourable position in the handicap. Under the circumstances, it is clearly best to maintain a watching brief.

One horse certain to take his chance is Welsh Mill, recently bought out of Lord Huntingdon's stable by Douglas Hall, a patron of Nigel Tinkler with a long-held ambition to win the Northumberland Plate.

Hall completed a similar deal 12 months ago, when his new acquisition, Satin Lover, ran a brave third behind the Gosden-trained Witness Box. Satin Lover tries again on Saturday. Tinkler, who also trains Satin Lover, has a third chance in the Chester Cup winner, Rodeo Star.

Martin Pipe has yet to book a jockey for Balasani, who will carry an 8lb penalty for his victory in the Ascot Handicap. He could turn to lightweight Ernie Johnson, who partnered his 1991 winner, Tamarpour. Kevin Darley will ride Castle Cavalier, trained by Lady Herries, while Jason Weaver will partner the Luca Cumani-trained Duke Of Eurolink.

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Nap: MACFARLANE
(7.30 Newbury)
Next best: Gilderdale
(3.45 Yarmouth)

Intrepidity aimed at Arc

By Julian Muscat

INTREPIDITY, game winner of the Energizer Oaks at Epsom, has been ruled out of an early clash with the colts in Sunday's Budweiser Irish Derby at the Curragh.

It would have cost Shaikh Mohammed IR£75,000 to supplement his classic winner into the race, in which a finishing position worse than second would have seen connections lose money on the venture. Instead, Intrepidity's campaign will be geared towards the autumn. The Shaikh's racing manager, Anthony Stroud, said yesterday: "Her ultimate objective will be the Ciga Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Shaikh Mohammed has not ruled out a crack at the Kildangan Stud Irish Oaks, but a decision on this will be made at a later date."

Organisers of the Irish Derby will be anxiously awaiting the outcome of Hernando's gallop at Chantilly this morning, after which the decision on the French Derby winner's participation will be made. Blue Judge, second to Commander In Chief in the Epsom version, will miss Sunday's classic after fracturing a cannon-bone on the gallops.

Jim Bolger, who trains Blue Judge, still expects to saddle three runners: Desert Team, Via Parigi and Lord Bentley. Desert Team, who finished eleventh at Epsom, will almost certainly be ridden by stable jockey Christy Roche.

With prize-money available down to tenth place, Irish trainers are likely to support their premier classic. Today's five-day declarations will include Commander In Chief, while Ireland's hopes of keeping the prize at home rest principally with the Gallinule Stakes winner Massyar.

Dermot Weld has allowed stable jockey, Michael Kinane, to take the mount aboard John Oxx's colt even though he is likely to be represented in the race by Porterstown Boy. Pat Shanahan is expected to ride.

Kingswell Prince has valuable Irish target

A VALUABLE Irish prize is the target for Kingswell Prince after a comfortable success in the division one of the Tattersalls Maiden Auction Series Stakes Qualifier at Pontefract yesterday.

The two-year-old colt, trained by Mick Channon, was the only ride at the meeting for Richard Quinn, who brought him home two lengths clear of Call To Mind.

Kingswell Prince is owned by a syndicate of 12, who struck lucky two years ago when their Affair Of State took the listed Tattersalls Breeders' Stakes at the Curragh. Kingswell Prince, bought at Fairyhouse with the same target in mind, remains on course for the IR£150,000 race.

"Kingswell Prince is qualified and it is obviously something we will have to think about," Henry Ponsonby, the manager of the syndicate, said. "There was some confidence behind him today as he had worked very well last week."

Reg Hollinshead made no effort to hide his disappointment over Willie Ryan's decision to ride in Hong Kong after winning the Smeaton Selling Stakes with Ann Hill.

"He didn't ask my advice because he knows I'd have told him not to go," Hollinshead said.

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THUNDERER
6.30 Lochbelle
7.00 Mr Copyforce
7.30 Macfarlane
8.00 No Comebacks
8.30 First Trump
9.00 Wagon Master

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.00 DUSTY POINT (nap). 9.00 Peto.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 8.00 LICORNE.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F 34YD - 6F 8YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

6.30 MERIDIAN MID-SUMMER MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £3,582: 6f 8yd) (14 runners)

101 (12) BE EXCITING (Stonethorn Stud) J Dunlop 8-11 W Newnes —
102 (5) 5 BET A PLAN (Pianflow Ltd) G Lewis 8-11 D Harrison (3) 75
103 (3) 3 BRAARI (H Al-Maktoum) B Hills 8-11 W Carson 84
104 (8) BRENTWOOD (Shaikh Essa Bin Mubarak) R Hannon 8-11 S Raymont —
105 (6) DAVANNE (D Allport) P Cole 8-11 C Rutter —
106 (9) 2 FAYROOZ (BF) (F Salman) P Cole 8-11 A Munro [illegible]
107 (14) GWERNYMYNYDD (D Pickering) B Hills 8-11 D Holland —
108 (11) LOCHBELLE (J Smith) I Balding 8-11 L Dettori —
109 (4) PHARAZINI (Elite Racing Club) P Cole 8-11 — —
110 (13) D RAJMAPATA (P Green) R Hannon 8-11 Pat Eddery —
111 (7) SAMGARE (Mrs N Elwes) J Dunlop 8-11 R Cochrane —
112 (1) SOOLAIMON (Mrs S Thomas) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 J Reid —
113 (10) SPOT PRIZE (J Smith) D Elsworth 8-11 J Williams —
114 (2) D ZALAMERA (G Steinberg) L Holt 8-11 C Avery —

BETTING: 9-4 Fayrooz, 4-1 Braari, 5-1 Lochbelle, 7-1 Brentwood, 8-1 Soolaimon, 12-1 Samgare, 14-1 Gwernymynydd, Pharazini, 16-1 Spot Prize, 20-1 others.

1992: NA-AYIM 8-11 W Carson (10-1) A Scott 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

BE EXCITING (foaled Apr 8) half-sister by Be My Guest to 1m winner Assuring. BET A PLAN 4l 5th of 6 to Wissome Wooster in a maiden at Sandown (5f, good to soft). BRENTWOOD (Apr 5, cost 9,000gns) half-sister by Wassl to 5f winner Jeltabla. DAVANNE (Mar 26, 14,500gns) half-sister by Indian Ridge to 7f winner Surprise Surprise. FAYROOZ 2l 2nd of 19 to Double Down in a maiden at Sandown (5f, good to firm) with BRAARI 1½l 3rd and ZALAMERA 7½l 12th. LOCHBELLE (Jan 28) half-sister by Robellino to smart winning sprinter Lochsong. RAJMAPATA 13l 9th of 10 to Palana in a maiden at Goodwood (6f, good).
Selection: FAYROOZ

7.00 NEWBURY RACECOURSE DRIVING RANGE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,175: 1m 5f 61yd) (5 runners)

201 (1) 0555- GUESTWICK (Sir Gordon Reece) J Dunlop 9-7 W Carson 95
202 (3) 600-111 DUSTY POINT (A Ali) B Hanbury 9-4 W R Swinburn 95
203 (2) 6-55534 ROMALITO (C McKenna) M Blanshard 8-4 R Cochrane 97
204 (5) 4006-01 MR COPYFORCE (Copyforce) Miss B Sanders 8-1 Antoinette Armes (7) 95
205 (4) 60-0316 DODGY DANCER (T Langley) M Channon 7-12 A Munro [illegible]

BETTING: 4-5 Dusty Point, 4-1 Mr Copyforce, 5-1 Dodgy Dancer, 11-2 Guestwick, 10-1 Romalito.

1992: GARDEN DISTRICT 8-7 Pat Eddery (6-4 fav) R Charlton 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

GUESTWICK 9¾l 5th of 7 to Shynon in a handicap at Haydock (1m 6f, good to soft). DUSTY POINT completed treble when beating Blue Grotto 6l in a 5-runner handicap at Pontefract (1m 4f, firm). ROMALITO 9l 4th of 9 to Barsak in a maiden at Redcar (1m 6f, good to firm). MR COPYFORCE beat Solartica 3¾l in a 15-runner handicap at Sandown (1m 3f 110yd, firm). DODGY DANCER beat Arc Bright ¾l in a 6-runner apprentice jockeys' maiden at Nottingham (1m 6f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: DUSTY POINT

7.30 KINGSTON SMITH HANDICAP STAKES
(£4,240: 5f 34yd) (7 runners)

301 (6) 012230 MACFARLANE (D) (P F-Godley) M Fetherston-Godley 5-9-11 J Tate (5) 95
302 (7) 60-3408 BELLS OF LONGWICK (D) (Mrs M Wickham) D Laing 4-9-8 T Williams 95
303 (4) 150206 THE NOBLE OAK (V,D,BF) (M McCormack) M McCormack 5-8-11 J Reid [illegible]
304 (5) 443-006 SEA-DEER (P Cook) L Holt 4-8-6 A Munro 88
305 (1) 005232 TRIOMING (D) (A King) A Jones 7-8-2 N Adams 95
306 (2) 360-040 ACARA (B) (R Wood) C James 4-8-0 J Quinn 94
307 (3) 141000 BARBEZIEUX (D) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 6-7-11 W Carson 98

BETTING: 9-4 Macfarlane, 7-2 Barbezieux, 4-1 Trioming, 5-1 Bells Of Longwick, 13-2 The Noble Oak, 10-1 Acara, 12-1 Sea-Deer

1992: CRADLE DAYS 3-9-8 M Roberts (5-4 fav) R Hannon 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

MACFARLANE 3l 3rd of 13 to Catherines Well in a handicap at York (5f, good to soft) on penultimate start. THE NOBLE OAK 2l 6th of 8 to Bright Paragon in a handicap at Warwick (5f, good to soft). SEA-DEER 6¾l 7th of 8 to Palacegate Gold in a handicap at Goodwood (6f, good). TRIOMING 1½l 2nd of 7 to Superlativemaximo in a handicap at Southwell (AW, 5f). Previously ¾l 3rd of 15 to Little Saboteur in a handicap at Goodwood (5f, good) with BARBEZIEUX (5lb better off) 2¾l 7th and THE NOBLE OAK (3lb better off) 4¾l 12th. ACARA 1¾l 4th of 16 to Domicksky in a handicap here (6f, good to soft) on penultimate start with SEA-DEER (5lb better off) 10¾l 17th.
Selection: TRIOMING

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
P Chapple-Hyam	12	37	32.4	Pat Eddery	50	250	20.0
H Cecil	28	92	30.4	L Dettori	24	156	15.4
R Charlton	12	72	16.7	W Carson	35	233	15.0
L Cumani	10	64	15.6	D Harrison	6	44	13.6
A Stewart	6	44	13.6	W R Swinburn	20	168	11.9
W Hern	8	63	12.7	J Reid	18	163	11.0

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

8.00 WIMPEY HOBBS FILLIES HANDICAP
(£4,695: 1m 2f 6yd) (12 runners)

401 (11) 051-460 YILDIZ (D) (S Mino) B Hills 4-9-11 D Holland 96
402 (12) 00-1152 MIDNIGHT HEIGHTS (BF) (Elbow Landl) J Dunlop 3-8-9 W Carson 91
403 (1) 250-514 EXHIBIT AIR (D) (A Horsell) R Hannon 3-9-6 Pat Eddery 89
404 (7) 4-4231 LICORNE (D) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 3-9-4 W Ryan [illegible]
405 (10) 322 CUTLASS (Lord Weinstock) W Hern 3-9-4 L Dettori 85
406 (4) 441-6 LAMU LADY (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-4 J Reid 85
407 (3) 620-4 LA MENORQUINA (Baron Edouard de Rothschild) L Cumani 3-8-11 R Cochrane 84
408 (2) 6-39011 TENDRESSE (D) (C John Hill) C Hill 5-8-11 J Tate (5) 91
409 (5) 0-11104 DORAZINE (C John Hill) C Hill 3-8-10 J Quinn 88
410 (8) 0200-45 NO COMEBACKS (D) (L Snowden) E Alston 5-8-8 J Weaver (3) 89
411 (6) 132-000 CRACKLING (D Marchant) D Marks 4-8-2 S Dawson 93
412 (9) 043000- THIMBALINA (D) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 7-7-7 Sharon Millard (7) 80

Long handicap: Thimbalina 7-2.

BETTING: 11-4 Cutlass, 100-30 Licorne, 9-2 Midnight Heights, 5-1 Tendresse, 8-1 Lamu Lady, La Menorquina, 12-1 Yildiz, 14-1 Exhibit Air, 20-1 Dorazine, 33-1 others.

1992: ONLY ROYALE 3-9-7 L Dettori (9-4 fav) L Cumani 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

MIDNIGHT HEIGHTS 2l 2nd of 10 to Kismetim in a handicap at Lingfield (1m 2f, good). EXHIBIT AIR 7¾l 4th of 8 to Sculler in a handicap at Epsom (1m 2f, good). LICORNE beat Anorak 3½l in a 4-runner maiden at York (1m 2f 85yd, good to soft). CUTLASS 2l 2nd of 10 to Haunted Wood in a maiden at Chepstow (1m 4f, good to firm). TENDRESSE beat Scottish Bambi head in a 15-runner handicap at Chepstow (1m 2f, good to firm). CRACKLING 8¾l 7th of 13 to Ranean Alwatar in a handicap at Salisbury (1m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: LICORNE

8.30 WILDHERN CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £5,475: 6f 8yd) (4 runners)

501 (1) 1 FIRST TRUMP (D) (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 8-12 M Hills 92
502 (2) 1 REPREHEND (CD) (Mrs C J Powell) R Hannon 8-12 R Cochrane 98
503 (3) 01 MOUNT LEINSTER (M & N Plant Ltd) P Murphy 8-10 J Williams 95
504 (4) 12 SPORTING WARRIOR (Mrs M Clarke) J Carr 8-10 S Morris [illegible]

BETTING: 11-10 Reprehend, 9-4 First Trump, 3-1 Sporting Warrior, 6-1 Mount Leinster.

1992: REDENHAM 8-11 J Reid (2-5 fav) R Hannon 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

FIRST TRUMP beat The Flying Phantom by 1l in a 9-runner maiden at Yarmouth (6f, good). REPREHEND beat Bluegrass Prince by 1l in a 14-runner maiden over this course and distance (good to firm). MOUNT LEINSTER beat Paradise News by 2½l in a 10-runner maiden at Warwick (5f, soft). SPORTING WARRIOR was a 3½l 2nd of 9 to Ochos Rios in a conditions race at Doncaster (6f, good).
Selection: SPORTING WARRIOR

9.00 ELIZABETH FERRIGNO WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CONDITIONS STAKES (£4,760: 1m 7yd) (8 runners)

601 (3) 1015-22 PETO (C,BF) (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 4-9-2 W Ryan 91
602 (1) 2/1 UNDERWATER (K Abdulla) R Charlton 4-9-2 Pat Eddery 82
603 (2) 24313/0 CORALS DREAM (Mrs C Hanson) C Wall 4-9-1 A Munro 90
604 (8) 21320- GREEN'S BID (R Green Fine Paintings) P Cole 3-8-7 — 97
605 (7) 1 BLUE LION (D) (Shaikh Ahmad bin Saeed Al Maktoum) G Wragg 3-8-6 M Hills 82
606 (4) 0-41 FROGMARCH (D) (Lord Chelsea) W Hern 3-8-6 J Reid 86
607 (6) 1130-65 LOST SOLDIER (Shaikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-8-6 R Cochrane 85
608 (5) 12 WAGON MASTER (D,BF) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 3-8-6 W Carson [illegible]

BETTING: 5-2 Wagon Master, 3-1 Peto, 9-2 Green's Bid, 11-2 Frogmarch, 6-1 Blue Lion, 8-1 Underwater, 12-1 Lost Soldier, 33-1 Corals Dream.

1992: HAZAAM 3-8-12 S Cauthen (4-6 fav) M Stoute 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

PETO 1¾l 2nd of 5 to St Ninian in a conditions race at Nottingham (1m 2f, good to firm). UNDERWATER beat Diplomatist 1¾l in a 4-runner maiden at Beverley (7f 110yd, good). GREEN'S BID ¾l 3rd, placed 2nd, of 8 to Splendent in group II Gimcrack Stakes at York (6f, good to firm). BLUE LION beat Mitzas neck in a 15-runner maiden at Yarmouth (1m, firm). FROGMARCH beat Lacotte 4l in a 4-runner maiden at York (1m, good to soft). LOST SOLDIER 5¾l 5th of 7 to Specified in a conditions race at Nottingham (6f, good to soft). WAGON MASTER 1l 2nd of 5 to Yatisin in a conditions race at Doncaster (1m 2f 110yd, good).
Selection: WAGON MASTER (nap)

Inner City back at Newmarket

INNER City, a beaten favourite at Royal Ascot, is likely to attempt to atone in the group three Van Geest Criterion Stakes at Newmarket on Saturday.

The Luca Cumani-trained colt, who was caught close home when beaten a neck by Alflora in the group two Queen Anne Stakes, is among 20 acceptors for the seven-furlong contest.

The £30,000-added race has also attracted Casteddu, Hazaam, Inchinor, Mistle Cat, Silver Wizard, So Factual, Splice and Unusual Heat, trained in Ireland by Dermot Weld.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Pontefract
Going: good to firm

2.45 (6f) 1, KINGSWELL PRINCE (T Quinn, 3-1); 2, Call To Mind (M Birch, 9-2); 3, Hasty Bank (K Fallon, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Northern Celadon (4th), 13-2 Joe Jagger, 11 Bernie's Sister (6th), 14 Woodland Whisper (5th), 16 Legal Train, 20 Dangerous Shadow, Olympic Bid, 33 Astrology. 11 ran. 2l, 2l, nk, 2½l, 4l. M Channon at Lambourn. Tote: £3.60; £1.50, £2.00, £6.90. DF: £14.10. CSF: £18.54

3.15 (1m 4f 8yd) 1, ANN HILL (W Ryan, 6-4 fav); 2, Tiyfran (S Perks, 4-1); 3, Bajan Affair (D Harrison, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Take A Flyer (5th), 9-2 Nancy (4th), 10 Petite Jess (6th), 14 Bonny Princess, 20 Kentucky Dreams, 33 The Bracklesleer. 9 ran. 1½l, 3½l, 2½l, ¾l, 2l. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. Tote: £3.00; £1.40, £1.70, £4.00. DF: £5.30. Trio: £50.80. CSF: £8.67. Tricast: £84.87.

3.45 (6f) 1, SECRET SERENADE (Dean McKeown, 2-1 fav); 2, Twice In Bundoran (L Newton, 5-1); 3, Mill Force (Darren Moffatt, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Astrac, 7 Murphy's Gold, 11 Auntie Fay, 12 Three of Hearts (4th), Heathyards Lady (5th), Bedazzle, Tisa Westeen, 33 Ballard Ring (6th). 11 ran. Hd, 2½l, 3½l, 1½l, 3½l. J Glover at Worksop. Tote: £3.10; £1.30, £1.80, £4.90. DF: £7.40. CSF: £13.75.

4.15 (6f) 1, SOBERING THOUGHTS (N Adams, 3-1 fav); 2, Sully's Choice (S Wood, 16-1); 3, State Flyer (G Forster, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Yes, 6 Parfait Amour (4th), 7 Dance On Sixpence (6th), Sir Oliver, 12 Savahra Sound (5th), 16 Pimsboy. 9 ran. NR: Admirals Realm. ½l, 1½l, hd, 1l, 1½l. J Eyre at Mirfield. Tote: £3.90; £1.60, £4.00, £1.90. DF: £47.00. Trio: £67.20. CSF: £43.77. Tricast: £216.15.

4.45 (6f) 1, SAWTID (C Hodgson, 7-4 fav; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Miss Mah-Jong (Dean McKeown, 6-1); 3, Monkey Music (G Carter, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Two D's (4th), Bold Aristocrat (5th). 5 ran. 1l, 2½l, 5l, ½l. D Morris at Newmarket. Tote: £2.90; £1.60, £2.40. DF: £11.80. CSF: £11.06.

5.15 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, SILVER SAMURAI (L Dettori, 6-1; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Telephus (B Raymond, 7-1); 3, Reel of Tulloch (M Roberts, 12-1); 4, Cal Norma's Lady (J Tate, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 fav Amlak (5th), 13-2 Persian Fountain, 10 Sinclair Lad, 11 Misty Goddess, 12 Norman Warrior, 14 Emperor Alexander, Olicana, Joseph's Wine, 20 Bidweaya, Not Yet, Double Sherry, 25 Gay Ming, Venture Fourth (6th), 33 Tomashenko, 100 Lodging. 19 ran. 3l, 1l, 1l, 1½l, ½l. Mrs V Aconley at Westow. Tote: £6.80; £1.70, £1.50, £3.20, £3.50. DF: £17.90. Trio: £112.10. CSF: £49.99. Tricast: £476.67.

5.45 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, GRAEGOS (W Ryan, 7-4); 2, Vishnu (A McGlone, 5-1); 3, Greenbank (L Dettori, 10-11 fav). ALSO RAN: 40 Scottish Wedding (4th). 4 ran. 1½l, 10l, 5l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £2.70. DF: £5.10. CSF: £8.64.

Placepot: £43.30.

Edinburgh
Going: good

2.30 (6f) 1, Lucky Fourteen (D Nicholls, 4-1); 2, Red Gnt (50-1); 3, Fade Away (50-1). The Fernhill Flyer 8-11 fav. 9 ran. 2l, 2½l. D Chapman. Tote: £4.10; £1.10, £6.30, £15.70. DF: £32.80. CSF: £110.89.

3.00 (1m 7f 16yd) 1, Continuity (J Weaver, 10-1); 2, Our Aisling (7-4); 3, Kayartis (13-8 fav). 8 ran. 1l, 3l. E Alston. Tote: £8.90; £3.00, £1.40, £1.10. DF: £9.80. CSF: £25.70. Tricast: £37.52.

3.30 (7f 15yd) 1, Yunus Emre (M Fenton, 6-5 fav); 2, Braxton Bragg (9-2); 3, Fleshelis (13-2). 5 ran. NR: Dusky Duchess. Hd, hd. M Bell. Tote: £1.90; £1.00, £4.10. DF: £10.20. CSF: £6.33.

4.00 (1m 16yd) 1, Nutty Brown (O Pears, 9-4); 2, Drumdonna (5-2); 3, Friendly Knight (12-1). Land O'Lakes 6-4 fav. 5 ran. 2l, 4l. S Norton. Tote: £3.50; £1.30, £1.80. DF: £3.80. CSF: £7.61.

4.30 (7f 15yd) 1, Dancing Domino (K Darley, 1-5 fav); 2, Sainted Sue (A Mackay, 50-1); 3, Missed The Boat (V Halliday, 9-2). 4 ran. 2½l, 2l. M H Easterby. Tote: £1.10. DF: £8.60. CSF: £5.73.

5.00 (1m 3f 32yd) 1, Latvian (J Weaver, 8-1); 2, Jazilah (10-11 fav); 3, Rapid Mover (20-1). 9 ran. NR: Reach For Glory. 1¾l, ¾l. R Allan. Tote: £7.20; £2.10, £1.10, £2.10. DF: £5.50. CSF: £15.22. Tricast: £134.63.

Placepot: £27.70.

BRIGHTON

THUNDERER
2.00 Lying Eyes. 2.30 Phrose. 3.00 Lailati. 3.30 Play With Me. 4.00 Sharp Imp. 4.30 Surrey Racing.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 Miss Fascination.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F 213YD-7F 214YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 MONTPELIER SELLING GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (2-Y-O: £2,070: 6f 209yd) (13 runners)

1 000 BITE THE BULLET 21 (V) D Laing 8-11 J Quinn 9
2 040 DEMI-PLIE 22 D Loder 8-11 L Dettori 3
3 00 LITTLE LUKE 8 P Butler 8-11 S Drowne (7) 10
4 6210 LYING EYES 22 (S) W Turner 8-11 D McCabe (7) 5
5 0 MOSS HOUSE 22 R Hannon 8-11 J Reid 13
6 004 RICHARD'S ERROR 26 G Lewis 8-11 G Hind 8
7 00 BIEN CUIT 8 S Dow 8-6 D Harrison (3) 4
8 05 BON TON 29 M Channon 8-6 C Rutter 2
9 00 BRIGHT VENUS 8 M Usher 8-6 N Adams 12
10 6540 FOREVER BLUSHING 12 P Butler 8-6 T Williams 11
11 000 SHEILOBLIGE 11 G Moore 8-6 B Rouse 1
12 0 SPORT RACING CLUB 31 Miss G Kelleway 8-6 A Munro 7
13 6 WHO'S CRYING NOW 6 W Turner 8-6 P McCabe (7) 6

5-2 Lying Eyes, 7-2 Demi-Plie, 9-2 Moss House, 6-1 Bon Ton, Sport Racing Club, 10-1 Forever Blushing, 12-1 Richard's Error, 16-1 others.

2.30 OPERATIC SOCIETY CHALLENGE CUP MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,260: 1m 3f 196yd) (5)

1 3202 PHROSE 24 R Hannon 9-0 J Reid 2
2 -005 TOP RANK 17 M Pipe 9-0 L Dettori 4
3 SNOWDROP TREE W Hern 8-9 A Clark 5
4 5-63 SOUL DREAM 14 Mrs J Cecil 8-9 B Raymond 3
5 00-0 SUN GREBE 13 J Dunlop 8-9 B Rouse 1

9-4 Phrose, 11-4 Soul Dream, 7-2 Top Rank, 6-1 Snowdrop Tree, 8-1 Sun Grebe.

3.00 LEWES MAIDEN STAKES (£3,494: 1m 1f 209yd) (10)

1 03 MAD CASANOVA 4 (B) R O'Sullivan 8-9-7 J Quinn 8
2 -000 BIJOU FIRE 25 R Ingram 5-9-2 A Tucker 10
3 02-3 AL SENAFI 61 L Cumani 3-8-9 R Cochrane 5
4 0 BITRAN 13 Mrs J Cecil 3-8-9 J Reid 1
5 00- CALL ME BLUE 235 T Naughton 3-8-9 D Holland 7
6 60 FINDON ACADEMY 38 G Moore 3-8-9 B Rouse 3
7 3 ALASKAN PRINCESS 50 P Cole 3-8-4 A Munro 2
8 2-4 DUKRAME 50 H Candy 3-8-4 W Newnes 4
9 5-3 LAILATI 11 M Stoute 3-8-4 B Raymond 6
10 0-20 SEREN QUEST 49 R Akehurst 3-8-4 D Harrison (3) 9

6-4 Lailati, 5-2 Al Senafi, 4-1 Dukrame, 5-1 Alaskan Princess, 10-1 Bitran, 12-1 Seren Quest, 16-1 others.

3.30 HAILSHAM FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,235: 7f 214yd) (11)

1 -812 SARAH-CLARE 11 (F,G) R Akehurst 5-9-10 J Reid 4
2 10-0 TRUNDLEY WOOD 53 (G) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-9-10 D Harrison (3) 2
3 -510 PLAY WITH ME 14 (BF,S) J Dunlop 3-9-9 L Dettori 10
4 -252 MISS FASCINATION 11 (C) M Jarvis 3-9-3 K Rutter (5) 6
5 00-3 PANCHELLITA 13 (F) G Moore 4-9-1 B Rouse 1
6 0035 FIABA 13 (D,G) F O'Mahony 5-9-0 J Quinn 8
7 -050 BAYDON BELLE 14 (B) G Lewis 3-8-13 B Raymond 11
8 -160 ROSETOES 8 (D,F) L Cottrell 5-8-13 Mark Denaro (7) 3
9 2300 NAVARESQUE 13 (BF,CD,F,G) R Hodges 8-8-12 S Drowne (7) 5
10 4544 CLEAR LOOK 22 (B) P Cole 3-8-10 A Munro 9
11 0001 ANATROCCOLO 13 (CD,F,G) R Bennett 6-8-3 D Holland 7

5-1 Panchellita, 6-1 Sarah-Clare, 13-2 Play With Me, 7-1 Anatroccolo, 8-1 Miss Fascination, Fiaba, Navaresque, 10-1 Clear Look, 12-1 Baydon Belle, 14-1 Rosetoes, 20-1 Trundley Wood.

4.00 PALACE MAIDEN HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,390: 6f 209yd) (11)

1 0-34 COALISLAND 17 R Ingram 9-7 A Tucker 11
2 0350 EXPORT MONDIAL 22 J Eustace 9-0 K Rutter (5) 5
3 2032 WITHOUT A FLAG 24 C Cyzer 8-9 R Cochrane 6
4 -000 SOPHISTICATED AIR 22 (V) I Balding 8-7 L Dettori 10
5 -036 JULY BRIDE 24 (B) G Moore 8-6 B Rouse 2
6 -006 SWISS MOUNTAIN 13 (V) D Laing 8-2 W Newnes 9
7 6540 MEDLAND 10 D Wilson 8-1 D Harrison (3) 1
8 03P4 DESERT NOMAD 17 S Dow 8-0 A Munro 8
9 4-00 MARWELL MITZI 40 W Wightman 7-11 T Williams 7
10 -505 SHARP IMP 28 (B) J Sutcliffe 7-8 N Carlisle 4
11 -400 BAEZA 24 (V) D Loder 7-7 J Quinn 3

3-1 Without A Flag, 9-2 July Bride, 11-2 Sharp Imp, 6-1 Medland, 7-1 Desert Nomad, 8-1 Swiss Mountain, 10-1 Coalisland, 12-1 Sophisticated Air, Export Mondial, 16-1 others.

4.30 MARINE HANDICAP (£3,201: 5f 213yd) (7)

1 -560 SURREY RACING 33 (BF,CD,F,G) G Moore 5-9-10 B Rouse 3
2 -031 SURE LORD 14 (CD,F) W Muir 4-9-10 R Cochrane 6
3 0-41 DOMULLA 19 (D,G) R Akehurst 3-9-10 L Carter (7) 4
4 6-02 VILLAVINA 19 S Dow 3-9-1 A Munro 2
5 0262 FARMER JOCK 8 (CD,F,S) Mrs N Macauley 11-8-8 B Raymond 1
6 -005 GALLANT HOPE 19 (CD,F,G) L Cottrell 11-8-2 D Harrison (3) 7
7 4100 SCOTS LAW 64 (B,F,G) R O'Sullivan 6-7-10 J Quinn 5

11-4 Sure Lord, 7-2 Domulla, 9-2 Villavina, 11-2 Surrey Racing, 13-2 Farmer Jock, 8-1 Gallant Hope, 14-1 Scots Law

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 22 winners from 47 runners, 46.8%; W Hern, 5 from 17, 29.4%; M Pipe, 3 from 11, 27.3%; M Jarvis, 10 from 41, 24.4%; J Dunlop, 15 from 68, 22.1%; R Akehurst, 19 from 94, 20.2%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 23 winners from 84 rides, 27.4%; A Munro, 17 from 93, 18.3%; D Holland, 8 from 44, 18.2%; R Cochrane, 22 from 127, 17.3%; J Reid, 29 from 184, 15.8%; B Raymond, 7 from 47, 14.9%.

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THUNDERER
2.15 Frosty Morning. 2.45 ANNABELLE ROYALE (nap). 3.15 King Rat. 3.45 Gilderdale. 4.15 Solartica. 4.45 Qaffal.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 TOTE PLACE ONLY MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,581: 1m 3yd) (12 runners)

1 AL KATIRYAH A Stewart 8-11 W Carson 2
2 60 ALLIGRAM 56 M Stoute 8-11 W R Swinburn 7
3 03 BALL GOWN 20 C Lines 8-11 J Lowe 8
4 -324 CROIRE 32 G Wragg 8-11 M Hills 4
5 DANCING TRALTHEE L Cumani 8-11 J Weaver (3) 1
6 ESSEX GIRL D Loder 8-11 M Tebbutt 12
7 6-5 FROSTY MORNING 41 C Brittain 8-11 B Doyle (3) 5
8 -333 GOLDEN GUEST 28 (BF) Mrs J Cecil 8-11 L Piggott 9
9 PIPERS POOL G Wragg 8-11 Paul Eddery 11
10 03 SHAHAADA 20 R Armstrong 8-11 R Hills 3
11 SYLVIA MACUSHLA A Jarvis 8-11 S Whitworth 6
12 TOCCO JEWEL M Ryan 8-11 D Biggs 10

3-1 Golden Guest, 9-2 Croire, 6-1 Al Katiryah, 9-1 Shahaada, Alligram, 10-1 Dancing Tralthee, Essex Girl, 12-1 Frosty Morning, 20-1 Ball Gown, 25-1 others.

2.45 TOTE PLACEPOT HANDICAP (£3,106: 7f 3yd) (11)

1 0204 SHINING JEWEL 12 (CD,F,G) Mrs L Piggott 6-10-0 L Piggott 7
2 -040 ANNABELLE ROYALE 4 (CD,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 7-9-11 Dean McKeown 8
3 0362 WALK THAT WALK 13 (G) K Wingrove 4-9-7 K Pattinson (7) 10
4 6-00 ROCA MURADA 47 (CD,G) M Ryan 4-9-3 M Hills 2
5 -040 CUBIST 22 (D,S) D Morley 3-9-1 W R Swinburn 5
6 0405 QUICK STEEL 8 (B,CD,G,S) T McGovern 5-9-0 Paul Eddery 4
7 -000 NIGEL'S LUCKY GIRL 10 (G) R Harris 5-8-12 M Tebbutt 3
8 00-5 TAJDID 20 H Thomson Jones 3-8-9 R Hills 11
9 2602 GOOD IMAGE 22 A Jarvis 3-8-8 S Whitworth 6
10 0-30 GWEEK 25 M Tompkins 3-8-5 P Robinson 1
11 5-66 YONGE TENDER 124 (B,CD,F,G) C Williams 6-8-3 J Curant 9

5-2 Annabelle Royale, 4-1 Good Image, 5-1 Shining Jewel, 11-2 Walk That Walk, 8-1 Tajdid, Roca Murada, 10-1 Quick Steel, 12-1 Cubist, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: A Stewart, 14 winners from 50 runners, 28.0%; M Stoute, 16 from 76, 21.1%; G Wragg, 17 from 81, 21.0%; S Woods, 3 from 15, 20.0%; Mrs J Cecil, 4 from 23, 17.4%; J Hills, 5 from 29, 17.2%.

JOCKEYS: W Woods, 4 wins from 18 rides, 22.2%; M Hills, 11 from 58, 19.0%; L Piggott, 8 from 46, 17.4%; R Hills, 15 from 99, 15.2%; M Tebbutt, 9 from 62, 14.5%; P Robinson, 5 from 36, 13.9%.

3.15 BET WITH THE TOTE SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,427: 5f 43yd) (11)

1 CARLY'S SECRET M Pipe 8-11 R Hills 11
2 00 EL COHETE 34 A Jarvis 8-11 S Whitworth 2
3 420 KING RAT 17 M Johnston 8-11 Dean McKeown 9
4 000 LITTLE HOOLIGAN 8 M Channon 8-11 Paul Eddery 6
5 FILCH Mrs L Piggott 8-6 G Milligan (7) 5
6 30 FLAIR LADY 71 W Turner 8-6 T Sprake 4
7 006 LUCY'S GOLD 17 M Ryan 8-6 D Biggs 7
8 05 MAZZA 11 Dr J Scargill 8-6 G Duffield 8
9 004 MRS JOGGLEBURY 15 C Smith 8-6 J Tate (5) 10
10 0 MY SONG OF SONGS 27 R Hoad 8-6 M Hills 1
11 0 TITCH ON TIME 15 M Tompkins 8-6 P Robinson 3

9-4 King Rat, 5-1 Flair Lady, 13-2 Lucy's Gold, 7-1 Mrs Jogglebury, 8-1 El Cohete, 10-1 Mazza, 12-1 Titch On Time, Carly's Secret, Filch, 20-1 others.

3.45 ANGELA RICHARDSON MEMORIAL HANDICAP STAKES (£3,590: 1m 2f 21yd) (5)

1 -003 GILDERDALE 22 (D,F,G) J Hills 11-9-10 M Hills 1
2 2036 SURREY DANCER 13 (CD,F,G,S) B Hanbury 5-9-5 L Piggott 4
3 0-06 RIVAL BID 21 (D,G) M Jarvis 5-9-2 N Day 2
4 06-0 MUJAWAB 68 H Thomson Jones 3-8-8 R Hills 3
5 435 MUTAWALI 14 D Morley 3-8-7 W Carson 5

2-1 Gilderdale, 9-4 Surrey Dancer, 100-30 Rival Bid, 5-1 Mutawali, 8-1 Mujawab

4.15 TOTE CREDIT MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,269: 1m 6f 17yd) (6)

1 4 ELBURG 13 G Harwood 9-0 M Hills 1
2 00 MOHAYA 5 B Hanbury 9-0 4
3 35 FOINERY 12 Mrs J Cecil 8-9 G Duffield 3
4 -432 OMIDJOY 28 (BF) S Woods 8-9 W Woods 2
5 3-23 POINT THE WAY 17 M Stoute 8-9 Paul Eddery 5
6 -232 SOLARTICA 21 J Fanshawe 8-9 P Robinson 6

9-4 Solartica, 7-2 Point The Way, Omidjoy, 9-2 Foinery, 5-1 Elburg, 10-1 Mohaya.

4.45 TOTE DUAL FORECAST HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,846: 1m 6f 17yd) (6)

1 058 ELA BILLANTE 12 J Fanshawe 9-7 P Robinson 4
2 001 CAST THE LINE 24 (G) A Stewart 9-7 A McGlone 3
3 -003 QAFFAL 13 (F) D Morley 9-4 R Hills 2
4 0004 RUSTY REEL 13 C Brittain 8-7 B Doyle (3) 1
5 0054 MANON LESCAUT 18 A Jarvis 7-8 Martin Dwyer (7) 6
6 05-0 SIDE BAR 47 M Ryan 7-8 D Biggs 5

11-4 Qaffal, 3-1 Cast The Line, 100-30 Rusty Reel, 7-2 Ela Billante, 11-2 Manon Lescaut, 12-1 Side Bar.

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6.15 Florac. 6.45 Diamond Crown. 7.15 Fourforfun. 7.45 Metternich. 8.15 Chakalak. 8.45 Viaggio.

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6.15 ENTERPRISE INNS FILLIES' HANDICAP (£3,125: 5f) (17 runners)

1 5413 CHERHILL 12 (S) P Chapple-Hyam 3-9-10 Stephen Davies (5) 14
2 0050 FOLLOWMEGIRLS 15 (D,F,G) Mrs A King 4-9-9 A Clarke 9
3 -652 SOMMIE'S SPECIAL 6 (D,G) R Hollinshead 5-9-9 S Perks 12
4 -504 MANOR ADVENTURE 3 B McMahon 3-9-7 J Fortune 10
5 0-06 MY ABBEY 26 (D,F) E Alston 4-9-6 K Fallon 7
6 6505/40 NILU 26 (G) B McMahon 5-9-5 S Sanders (7) 16
7 -226 FLORAC 17 (CD,F) M Heaton-Ellis 3-9-2 D Wright (7) 6
8 0006 BELTHORN 24 J Bridger 4-8-13 G Bardwell 4
9 -332 TREVORSNINEPOINTS 8 (D,F) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-13 K Darley 3
10 0004 MELODYS DAUGHTER 11 (B,D,G) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-12 J Lowe 1
11 0012 NORDOORA 13 (D,F) J Harris 4-8-5 Darren Moffatt (5) 11
12 -850 MY FOXY LADY 28 D Haydn Jones 3-8-4 A Mackay 17
13 00-6 SING AS WE GO 20 Bob Jones 3-8-3 G Carter 2
14 0-00 CAMINO A RONDA 46 Pat Mitchell 4-7-12 Kim McDonnell (7) 15
15 0663 CASTLE MAID 3 R Hodges 6-7-10 Dale Gibson 5
16 0000 DAL MISS 21 (B) R Peacock 6-7-7 J Fanning 13
17 0/0- DAVAMAL 263 J Bradley 4-7-7 Michael Bradley (7) 8

7-2 Cherhill, 4-1 Trevorsninepoints, 5-1 Sommie's Special, 6-1 Melodys Daughter, 8-1 Florac, Nordoora, 10-1 Manor Adventure, 14-1 Castle Maid, 16-1 Followmegirls, 20-1 others.

6.45 BASS SPECIAL MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,406: 7f) (10)

1 00 BELLROI 24 M Tompkins 9-0 P Robinson 3
2 DIAMOND CROWN P Cole 9-0 A Clark 5
3 DULFORD LAD B Millman 9-0 S Whitworth 9
4 00 MAJESTIC HEIGHTS 24 R Hannon 9-0 K Darley 6
5 0 MELODY DANCER 12 R Hollinshead 9-0 S Perks 4
6 4 NOORAN 24 J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 8
7 0 TALYGARN 24 D Haydn Jones 9-0 A Mackay 10
8 33 TRENDY DANCER 18 S Norton 9-0 O Pears (5) 7
9 340 GIGUE 45 (BF) M Channon 8-9 G Duffield 2
10 OVERACT D Loder 8-9 G Carter 1

3-1 Diamond Crown, 7-2 Nooran, 9-2 Trendy Dancer, 5-1 Overact, 7-1 Gigue, 10-1 Majestic Heights, Melody Dancer, 16-1 Dulford Lad, 20-1 others.

7.15 CARLING BLACK LABEL HANDICAP (£3,289: 1m) (9)

1 0408 BAYSHAM 14 (B,G,S) B Millman 7-10-0 R Price 1
2 -114 FOURFORFUN 20 (F,G) R Hannon 3-9-12 B Raymond 4
3 0-00 VAGANOVA 13 (G) R Akehurst 4-9-11 R Perham 6
4 1035 MR VINCENT 11 (BF,D,F,S) B Lewis 3-8-8 B Russell (7) 2
5 0/00 ZAMANAYN 32 (G) J Upson 5-9-5 M Wigham 3
6 -020 MUSTAHIL 3 (D,F) R Hodges 4-9-4 J Lowe 5
7 005- DIACO 220 (D,F,G) M Jarvis 8-9-0 P Robinson 9
8 4424 GREEN'S FAIR 22 (BF,D,G) M Bell 3-9-0 G Duffield 8
9 4-36 GENSERIC 38 (BF) R Armstrong 3-8-12 R Hills 7

3-1 Fourforfun, 4-1 Mr Vincent, 5-1 Green's Fair, 11-2 Diaco, 6-1 Genseric, Mustahil, 12-1 Vaganova, 16-1 Baysham, 25-1 Zamanayn.

7.45 DRAUGHT BASS SELLING GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (£1,380: 1m 2f 169yd) (15)

1 24-0 BARAHIN 13 (S) R O'Sullivan 4-9-13 A Clark 2
2 0-00 CLEAR LIGHT 12 (C,G) C Smith 6-9-13 M Wigham 11
3 0003 IRON BARON 11 (B,S) R Hollinshead 4-9-13 S Perks 5
4 5040 LOCH DUICH 3 (F) R Hodges 7-9-13 S Drowne (7) 13
5 10-0 METTERNICH 15 (G,S) M Tompkins 8-9-13 P Robinson 8
6 0000 ALICANTE 20 (B) M Chapman 6-9-6 D McCabe (7) 12
7 CHRIS'S GLEN 12 J Bradley 4-9-6 Michael Bradley (7) 10
8 6 DEVONIAN 83 Miss J Doyle 4-9-6 R Perham 3
9 3035 FLETCHER'S BOUNTY 5 Mrs M Reveley 4-9-6 K Darley 14
10 RAPINSKI K Wingrove 4-9-6 K Pattinson (7) 1
11 00/ FOURTIMELUCKY 703 K Bridgwater 4-9-1 A Tucker 15
12 BLACK BEAN N Graham 3-8-6 G Carter 7
13 0-00 FRANKIE GOODMAN 10 (B) P Burgoyne 3-8-6 C Hodgson (5) 9
14 SOLAR KNIGHT K Bridgwater 3-8-1 N Carlisle 6
15 500 SWEETWATER MOON 21 Mrs A Swinbank 3-8-1 J Fanning 4

11-4 Barahin, 7-2 Iron Baron, 4-1 Metternich, 6-1 Fletcher's Bounty, 7-1 Loch Duich, 10-1 Black Bean, 14-1 Devonian, 16-1 Solar Knight, 20-1 others.

8.15 MITCHELLS & BUTLERS HANDICAP (£3,406: 1m 6f 194yd) (11)

1 0011 FIVE TO SEVEN 6 (G,S) S Norton 4-10-1 (4ex) O Pears (5) 8
2 5040 FRENCH IVY 7 (F,G) Mrs A King 6-10-0 K Fallon 3
3 -060 FARMER'S PET 22 (F,S) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-9-8 G Carter 10
4 6030 CHAKALAK 7 (C,F,G) S Dow 5-9-4 P Robinson 11
5 6-00 BLAZON OF TROY 41 (F) T Thomson Jones 4-8-10 S Whitworth 1
6 -214 MR POPPLETON 113 (G) R Brotherton 4-8-9 A Mackay 2
7 0242 MR WOODCOCK 8 Mrs M Reveley 8-8-6 K Darley 4
8 4041 PONDERING 18 (V,G,S) M Pipe 3-8-3 G Duffield 5
9 -000 FAMOUS BEAUTY 38 (F,G,S) R Hollinshead 6-7-10 A Garth (5) 6
10 0553 ENFANT DU PARADIS 10 (BF,D,G) P Evans 5-7-7 D Wright (7) 9
11 0601 CORINTHIAN GOD 8 (F,G) D Wilson 4-7-7 (4ex) G Bardwell 7

11-4 Pondering, 10-3 Mr Woodcock, 4-1 Five To Seven, 6-1 Corinthian God, 7-1 Chakalak, 10-1 French Ivy, Farmer's Pet, 14-1 Mr Poppleton, 16-1 Enfant Du Paradis, 20-1 others.

8.45 TENNENTS MAIDEN HANDICAP STAKES (£2,070: 1m 4f 115yd) (13)

1 00-5 MATHAL 38 J White 4-9-10 C Avery 5
2 006- BILLY BUNTER 262 H Collingridge 4-9-9 C Hawksley (7) 3
3 -000 YIMKIN BOOKRA 11 W Muir 5-9-1 G Duffield 11
4 43-4 MENA 19 J Payne 3-9-1 G Forster (7) 1
5 0-00 SHADANZA 61 A Stringer 4-9-0 K Darley 12
6 -564 TURMANS VISION 21 R Hollinshead 3-8-13 S Perks 6
7 60-0 VIAGGIO 22 J Akehurst 5-8-11 G Carter 8
8 -000 CHARIOTEER 46 P Haslam 4-8-11 N Carlisle 7
9 /2423 DOC'S COAT 10 (BF) C Wildman 8-8-11 C Rutter 9
10 0-00 SUDANOR 43 B Millman 4-8-9 J Lowe 2
11 550- MY GRAIN 40J T Thomson Jones 4-8-8 S Whitworth 4
12 0006 ICE STRIKE 10 (V) J Hills 4-8-7 R Hills 10
13 404- MAJOR RISK 244J P Bevan 4-8-7 A Clark 13

9-4 Doc's Coat, 11-4 Billy Bunter, 5-1 Mena, 6-1 Mathal, 13-2 Shadanza, 8-1 Turmans Vision, 12-1 My Grain, 14-1 Major Risk, Viaggio, 16-1 others.

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TRAINERS: P Chapple-Hyam, 7 winners from 30 runners, 23.3%; R Akehurst, 6 from 30, 20%; J Berry, 20 from 106, 18.9%; M J Heaton-Ellis, 3 from 16, 18.8%; R F J-Houghton, 5 from 27, 18.5%; G Lewis, 9 from 50, 18%.

JOCKEYS: J Carroll, 9 winners from 35 rides, 25.7%; G Duffield, 6 from 31, 19.4%; K Darley, 4 from 25, 16%; B Raymond, 4 from 30, 13.3%; M Wigham, 4 from 32, 12.5%; A Mackay, 3 from 28, 10.7%.

Nutty Brown off mark

NUTTY Brown, described by trainer Steve Norton as "a colourful character with a mind of his own", put his best foot forward at Edinburgh yesterday.

At the fifteenth attempt, he finally made it to the winner's enclosure when winning the Linlithgow Claiming Stakes.

Nutty Brown had looked a useful prospect when finishing second in a £10,000 nursery at York last October. Since then he had been placed several times in lower company without getting to the front. "We've had to wait a long time for this win. He knows more about racing than me," Norton said.

Apprentice Ollie Pears, returning from a two-day ban, sent Nutty Brown ahead on the home turn, and the 9-4 chance soon had the race won, pulling clear for a two-length defeat of Drumdonna.

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Magical show as Wimpleton wizard returns to fairyland


Agassi: 20-1 outsider



SIMON BARNES
At Wimbledon

I STILL find it hard to believe that Andre Agassi won Wimbledon last year, but I am not alone. I suspect Agassi has the same problem. For him, Wimbledon — he calls it "Wimpleton", incidentally — is fairyland. Oz, the land of make-believe, and he is utterly enchanted to be back.

His friendship with Barbra Streisand is making all the gossip columns; Barbra should be jealous, because Andre is in love, not with her, but with the London suburb in SW19. Certainly it seems a land of magic for him; what other explanation is there for his victory?

"Coming back to Wimpleton is the greatest feeling I have had in my life," he said, adding unnecessarily: "Winning it was the first." Agassi's job at Wimpleton had never been prospective champion. He was there to decorate the first and get out of the way once the serious business began.

But he found a zone of magic. He found the ability to get tennis balls to obey not the laws of physics but his own desires. It was hard to believe at the time; it is impossible to believe it could happen again.

He has a wrist injury. He has not played for nine weeks, barring a disaster of a defeat in a tournament last week. He was faced with Bernd Karbacher on centre court yesterday. Karbacher is ranked 35, and possesses a suitably walloping service. Everything was right for the dramatic first day exit of the champion.

"You can't stop crazy thoughts like that from entering your mind," Agassi said.

Should he be here at all? He might have been better advised to give Wimpleton a miss, rather than risk humiliation. "It was not a problem to come and defend the title with honour," Agassi insisted.

For a few games, the upset scenario was on. Agassi went 5-2 down and looked tentative and wimpy; the winsome poseur of old. Karbacher was bashing away insouciantly. Then a lucky shot off the racket frame gave Agassi a point to break back and suddenly the Agassi of last year was back, scorching the ball across the court and turning his opponent's service into his most potent weapon. He won 7-5, 6-4, 6-0, and the score accurately reflects the gradual rise in his level of play.

The point to remember is that Agassi's victory last year was not the colossal fluke it seemed. He played extraordinarily well. He defeated Becker, McEnroe and Ivanisevic, and if the last match point of the tournament was a gift, he won the rest of his points in a ferment of inspiration.

But Agassi is remembered as an impossibly lucky winner. He was quoted at 20-1 before the tournament began: for a defending champion, this is positively insulting. After seeing him yesterday, I wish I had taken those odds: you will not get better value.

Can you win again, Andre?

That's what I'm here for. The thing is, the first few games are the most crucial for me. When you get to the second week of Wimpleton, the balls slows up and starts bouncing higher. I mean, I did it last year."

"I was very surprised that he won last year," Karbacher said. "He was not as good today as he was last year. But these kind of players get better every round they play. If he wins the next two rounds, he is in the round of 16 and he can beat anyone if he has a good day."

On grass, Agassi has only his inspiration to fall back on. He cannot sit back and wait for the big server to make a mistake; he must go forward and try and blast him to extinction. That was what he did last year. Certainly he is *unlikely* to do it this year, but not 20-1 unlikely.

Can he win the tournament twice in a row? Well, the last baseliner to make grass work for him won Wimpleton five times in a row. Another long-haired chap, as it happens. Fellow called Borg.

Foster takes chance to put out Enqvist

By Alix Ramsay

ANDREW Foster has been waiting for his chance to make his mark for British tennis and yesterday, the opening day of Wimbledon, provided it. Foster, 21, came through his first-round match to beat Thomas Enqvist, of Sweden, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

The match was a tale of big services and double faults and Foster's determination to hold his nerve. "I have dreamed of winning a match here," Foster, from Stoke-on-Trent and ranked 332 in the world, said. "I still haven't come down from it yet."

Last year Foster's Wimbledon experience was short and less than sweet, losing in straight sets to Branislav Stankovic in the first round.

"I wanted to do better than last year, which wasn't that tough," he said. "I've beaten some big names before but given the context and the place, this is my best win."

Enqvist, ranked more than 250 places above Foster, is no mean opponent. Two years ago he was the junior champion at Wimbledon and the Australian Open and last year he gave Jim Courier a run for his money in Australia. But in his senior debut at Wimbledon the British challenge proved too much.

For the first five games only one point came against service and that against Foster, the British No 7.

It was a bad omen, Foster losing the set, having been broken to love in the ninth game.

For those used to watching Britons falling by the wayside in the opening rounds, that should have marked the end but the 6ft 3in quiet man hung on and took the next two sets.

Forced to go the distance, Foster put himself in the driving seat, breaking Enqvist with a backhand pass and a double fault gift from the Swede in the fifth set.

"Serving for the match was the most nervous I've been in my life," he said. It showed. He found himself a break point down, only to dig deep and come up with two service winners and an ace on match point.

"In the last few weeks a lot of the British guys have been knocking off big names and I have been waiting for my chance," he said.

Mark Petchey continued the British run of success but contrived to make a meal of things.

Playing Mark Keil, of the United States, a man ranked 356 places below him, Petchey dropped the second set with a poor tie-break before finding his rhythm and winning 6-4, 6-7, 6-1, 6-1.

In theory, Petchey, 22, should have walked away with the match but Keil, in only his second appearance in a grand slam tournament, caused the British Davis Cup player to falter before working his way into a position of power.

The Essex player even struggled to reach his first match point but, to the relief of the partisan crowd, finished off the match with a service winner.

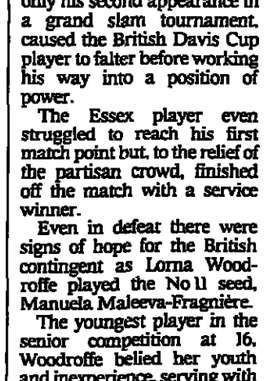
Even in defeat there were signs of hope for the British contingent as Lorna Woodroffe played the No 11 seed, Manuela Maleeva-Fragnière.

The youngest player in the senior competition at 16, Woodroffe belied her youth and inexperience, serving with gusto and volleying like a demon to go within two points of a 5-1 lead in the first set.

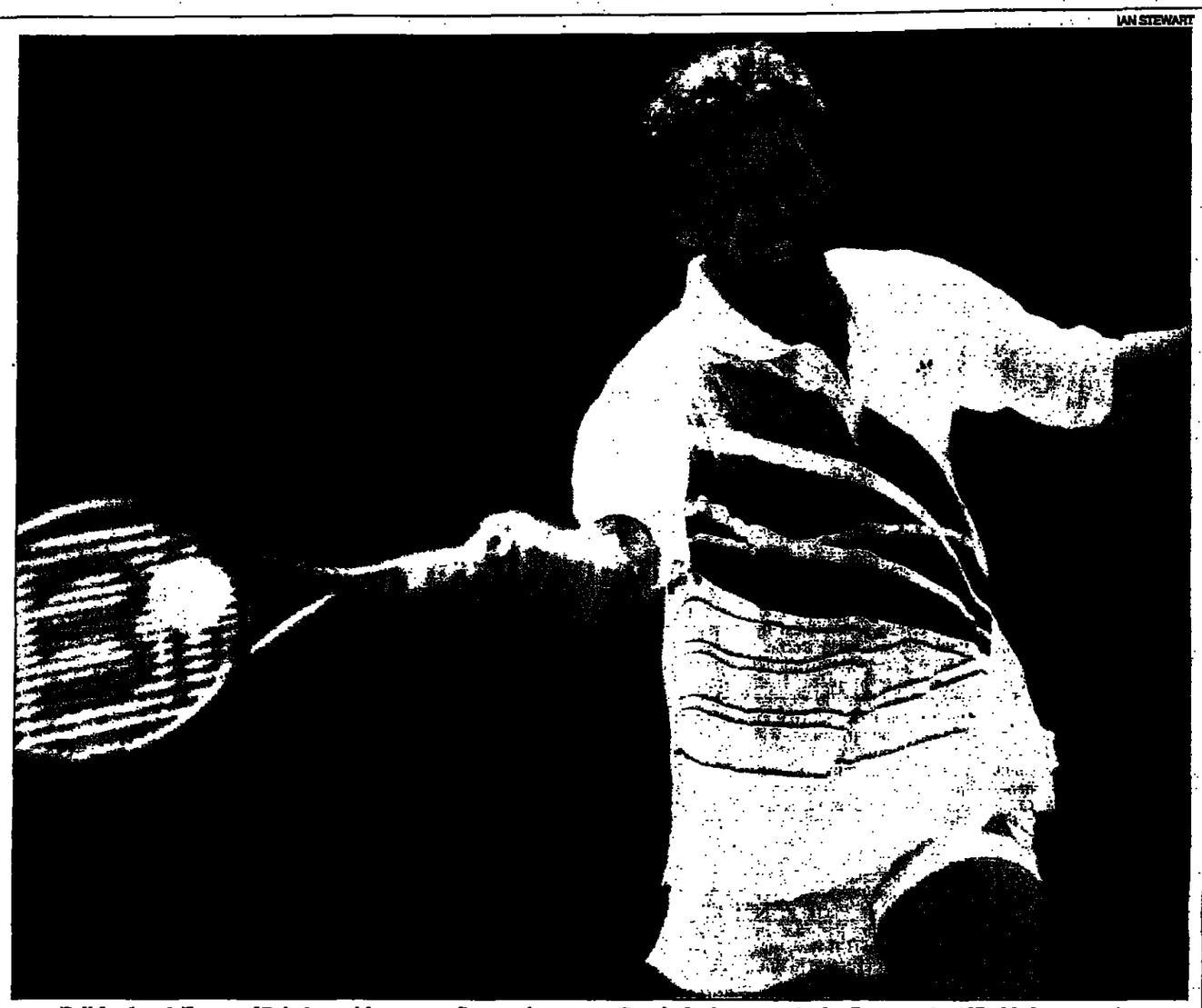
But at 16 any player is allowed to show a little fear and where the Surrey girl had gone for every shot before, the confidence went out of her game and Maleeva-Fragnière knew she had her chance to get even, taking the first set and biding her time to win 7-5, 6-4.

Woodroffe knows that this is just the beginning and was sanguine about the defeat.

"She played the big points a lot better than me," she said. "I had my chances and I didn't take them. But hopefully I will get those chances again some time and take them."


Petchey: four-set win

IAN STEWART


Full forehand: Foster, of Britain, on his way to a five-set victory over Enqvist in the men's singles first round at Wimbledon yesterday

Rusedski retreats on brink of glory



Andrew Longmore examines the twilight world of the qualifier at the Wimbledon championships

John McEnroe apart, the role of the qualifier at Wimbledon is generally short and not altogether sweet. They are the last guests at the party, the ones just grateful to be there, ready to accept their fate without care or complaint. Certainly, when the reward for ploughing through a week of qualifying at Roehampton is to be paired with Stefan Edberg, they have every right to check the prize-money for a first-round loser and put it down to experience and beginners' luck.

Only McEnroe defied convention by refusing to accept the inevitable and reaching the semi-finals at Wimbledon in 1977. Greg Rusedski had no pretensions to emulate the American but he must have pondered brief and fantastic notions of glory against Edberg yesterday.

The Swede might well have been confused by his opponent's origins. Rusedski is a Canadian with a British passport, whose grandmother and grandfather were both Polish-Ukranian and whose father was born in Germany. Because his mother was born in England, he could have played under the union flag but chose the Maple Leaf instead.

In the end, he lost — in four sets, three of which were tie-breaks — and on his first visit to the grass did at least leave richer in pocket and spirit after an ebullient, hard-hitting match against the No 2 seed. If that is a qualifier in the first round, Edberg must have thought, what comes next.

But for a suicidal tendency to double-fault, Rusedski might have stretched Edberg to breaking point and a final set. "You learn more from a loss but I would have taken the upset any day," Rusedski said.

"I learnt that when you have a set point, you get your first serve in. I gave my best the whole match and I'm pleased with my game."

On the whole, the top seeds hate playing qualifiers. Qualifiers are desperadoes, dangerous not just because they have nothing to lose but because they are in form. There is only one way forward and if their path to untold riches is blocked by a big name, so much the better.

Anything beyond qualifying is a bonus, the chance to take a handsome first-round loser's cheque for £4,575, pay the air fare to their next tournament and snatch a few points to help their ranking.

To add to Edberg's woes, the organisers had consigned him to the graveyard, court two, where the acoustics are so acute, a conversation in the back of the stand carries word for word on to court.

At times, news of the next-door neighbour's cat rivalled the tennis for interest but Rusedski, with his bouncy, stiff-legged gait and whiplash left-hander's service, kept Edberg on his toes and would have trodden on them a couple of times had not first-night nerves betrayed him at the vital moment.

Twice, Rusedski served for the first set in the tie-break. Twice, he fired blanks, double-faulting to hand the initiative back to Edberg, who must have gained confidence from the sudden show of fallibility.

Mind you, Edberg tried his best to return the favour and all those who took odds of 3-1 about him winning his third Wimbledon title will view his own bout of double-faulting — and a routine forehand volley pushed meekly wide — with anxiety.

"Forehand, forehand" cried Rusedski's coach after his man had thrown away the first set. But the main difference between the world ranked Nos 2 and 155 was not in the execution of the strokes but the timing of them.

Rusedski had a quiverful of shots, delicate backhand cross-court returns interspersed with delicate stop volleys and enormous serves. Edberg, the consummate competitor, used his arrows more selectively, hitting the target when it mattered.

Edberg took the first set tie-break 11-9, having saved three set points, and suggested he had the measure of the Canadian by breaking twice early in the second set, which he took to lead 2-0.

That, it seemed, was that, except for Rusedski's refusal to accept his role as an also-ran. Instead of lying down and taking the money, he rallied to take the third set tie-break 9-7 and was still fighting when Edberg, gratefully and a trifle wearily, took the final point.

Parade of the walking wounded

By Alix Ramsay

THE highly-paid and well-muscled stars of Wimbledon are a sickly bunch, wrapped in strapping and covered in liniment. Wear and tear of a year-long season, playing on a host of different surfaces, has seen to that. Pete Sampras's chances have been dented by a shoulder injury. Andre Agassi is learning to play again after two months out with tendinitis, Ivan Lendl has an ankle problem and Sergi Bruguera is too tired to play at all.

The women have fared no better. Steffi Graf has a foot injury, Martina Navratilova has a dodgy ankle, Jo Durie is recovering from knee surgery, and Pam Shriver has to use ice packs to soothe her aches and pains.

Quiet market

Injuries have had a strange effect on the betting. William Hill usually reckons to turn over £1 million during the fortnight but this year things have been slow.

Edberg is the men's favourite at 3-1 while Graf leads the women at 7-4 on. So far not a penny has been taken on the prospect of a British winner. But obviously the All England Club know something William Hill does not. In the museum tea room the walls are adorned with the names of all those who have won the singles title three or more times, including Edberg. But, according to the record books and the roll of honour on the wall outside, Edberg has won only twice.

Help at hand

Half the battle in tennis is timing. As Andrew Foster lost the first set to Thomas Enquist of Sweden on court five, a likely lad in a sharp suit sidled up to his coach, Nick Brown, and offered his business card. The gent turned out to be a sports psychologist and told Brown to give him a call if Foster ever needed any help. Foster went on to win in five sets.

Power cut

While Foster was lighting up the courts the rest of British tennis was plunged into darkness. The LTA offices had to put up with more than a dozen power cuts during the first day rendering the computers, monitors and air conditioning useless. Eventually the cause was found — an electrician trying to mend a dishwasher in the sponsor's suite below who insisted on turning off the mains before going in with the screwdriver.

Quote of the day

Michael Stich on finding his chair had been turned sideways under new security arrangements: "It's a bit strange but it's nice to see the Duke and Duchess of Kent instead of looking at the court all the time."

THE TIMES CORPORATE GOLF CHALLENGE

COMPANY GOLF DAY RESULTS

June 15 Sun Alliance Insurance UK (at Sandiway)
1, A Allsop, 31pts;
2, T Martin, 29
3, H Williams, 29.
Top guest: N Modsley, 38
Aggregate score: 127

June 16 CMG Computer Management (at Kingswood)
1, G Palmer, 31pts;
2, S Hall, 22
3, J Howlett, 18.
Top guest: B Brown, 38
Aggregate score: 109

June 16 The Jenks Group (at Henley)
1, M Timms, 29pts;
2, K Brennan, 28
3, B Elliott, 26.
Top guest: M Spencer, 39
Aggregate score: 122

June 17 BASF Plc Colour & Specialities Division (at Prestbury)
1, A Mooney, 34;
2, M Frost, 34
3, M Slack, 32.
Top guest: C Allidritt, 40
Aggregate score: 140

June 17 Binnie & Partners at Cuddington)
1, D Butler, 42pts;
2, D Arnell, 32
3, D Cowie, 31.
Top guest: B Gardiner, 38
Aggregate score: 143

June 17 Hugh James Jones & Jenkins (at Whitchurch)
1, C Powney, 38pts;
2, D Roberts, 36
3, C Preece, 34.
Top guest: W Wakeley, 40
Aggregate score: 148

June 17 Allied Dunbar Yorkshire Region (at Pontefract and District)
1, G Pickard, 32pts;
2, T Wake, 32
3, J Dunn, 30.
Top guest: S Hinton, 35
Aggregate score: 129

June 18 Doig & Smith (at The Royal Burgess Golfing Society of Edinburgh)
1, D Orcharton, 36pts; 2, D Manson 33
3, E Gordon, 32.
Top guest: D Le Sueur, 34
Aggregate score: 135

June 18 Invesco Fund Managers (at Liphook)
1, K Crowley, 31pts;
2, M Keites, 30
3, A Malkin, 27.
Top guest: J Yeldham, 39
Aggregate score: 127

June 18 Roche Products Ltd (at The Hesketh)
1, G Adams, 32pts;
2, G Poole, 30
3, C Cashin, 29;
4, M O'Leary, 28
Aggregate score: 117

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A L Foster (GB) bt T Enqvist (Swe), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.
L E Herrera (Mex) bt K NOVACEK (Cz), 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.
R KRAJICEK (Holl) bt N Kulti (Swe), 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.
J Eltingh (Holl) bt M Rosset (Switz), 6-2, 6-3, 3-6, 4-6, 6-3.
S Simian (Fr) bt R A Reneberg (US), 3-6, 7-5, 4-6, 7-6, 6-3
L Tieleman (It) bt G Schaller (Austria), 6-3, 6-4, 7-6.
T Nelson (US) bt L Jonsson (Swe), 6-3, 6-4, 6-7, 4-6, 6-3.
P Rafter (Aus) bt S Youl (Aus), 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.
A AGASSI (US) bt B Karbacher (Ger), 7-5, 6-4, 6-0.
A Volkov (Russ) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.
M R J Petchey (GB) bt M Keil (US), 6-4, 6-7, 6-1, 6-1.
A Kroslsten (US) bt A O'Brien (US), 6-2, 7-6, 6-3.
M WASHINGTON (US) bt G Raoux (Fr), 4-6, 6-1, 1-6, 6-2, 6-3
B Gilbert (US) bt C Bergstrom (Swe), 1-6, 6-3, 6-0, 6-1.
M Ondruska (SA) bt J Tarango (US), 6-1, 6-4, 6-3.
D Rostagno (US) bt G Doyle (Aus), 6-4, 1-6, 7-5, 6-2.
S Stolle (Aus) bt J F Aitur (Sp), 6-4, 7-5, 6-4.
M STICH (Ger) bt J Siemerink (Holl), 6-2, 7-6, 6-1.
M Gomz (Sp) bt C Dosedel (Cz), 6-3, 6-2, 5-3
T Martin (US) bt R Gilbert (Fr), 7-6, 7-6, 6-7, 6-4.
B Shelton (US) bt S Bryan (US), 6-7, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6.
T A Woodbridge (Aus) bt H De La Pena (Arg), 6-2, 7-6, ret.
W FERREIRA (SA) bt R Azar (Arg), 6-2, 6-1, 6-4.
M Woodforde (Aus) bt S Matsuoka (Japan), 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.
H Holm (Swe) bt R Fromberg (Aus), 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.
J COURIER (US) bt G Pozzi (It), 6-0, 7-5, 6-4.
I LENDL (US) bt B Devening (US), 6-7, 6-4, 6-1, 6-3.
A Boetsch (Fra) bt S C S Cole (GB), 6-4, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.
D Randall (US) bt A Cherkasov (Russ), 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.
K Karlsen (Den) bt H Skoff (Austria), 6-3, 6-1, 6-3
S EDBERG (Swe) bt G Rusedski (Can), 7-6, 6-4, 6-7, 7-6.

Women's singles

Winner £275,000
Runner-up £137,500
Holder: S Graf (Ger)

First round

S C Stafford (US) bt S Meier (Ger), 6-7, 6-4, 6-1.
A J COETZER (SA) bt S Testud (Fr), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3
M MALEEVA-FRAGNIERE (Switz) bt L A Woodroffe (GB), 7-5, 6-4.
N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt J Halard (Fr), 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.
N J Arendt (US) bt I Demongeot (Fr), 2-6, 6-3, 14-12.
L M Raymond (US) bt L K Allen (US), 6-1, 6-2.
B Schultz (Holl) bt P Tarabini (Arg), 6-4, 6-1.
C Rubin (US) bt I W Probst (Ger), 6-2, 6-3
S Wasserman (Bel) bt F Li (China), 6-2, 6-4.
N Provis (Aus) bt T A Price (SA), 6-4, 6-1.
S Farina (It) bt R Bobkova (Cz), 6-0, 6-2.
M MALEEVA (Bul) bt L Meskhi (Geo), 6-2, 6-2.
R M White (US) bt T Ignatieva (Russ), 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Y Basuki (Indo) bt N Van Lottum (Fr), 6-4, 7-5.
G SABATINI (Arg) bt C Cunningham (US), 7-5, 6-2.
H SUKOVA (Cz) bt N Baudone (It), 6-0, 7-6.

☐ There are 11 players aged 30 or over in this year's draw of the men's singles. Ivan Lendl is 33; John Fitzgerald and Todd Nelson, 32; Peter Moraing, Anders Jarryd, Jeremy Bates, Brad Gilbert and Diego Perez, 31; and Wally Masur, Henri Leconte and Christo van Rensburg, 30. There are, by contrast, only five teenagers. Greg Rusedski, Grant Doyle and Thomas Enqvist are 19; Miles MacLagan and Andrei Medvedev are 18. Of these players only two are seeded — Lendl is the No 7 seed and Medvedev is No 10.

☐ The women's singles draw features representatives from 31 countries while the men's singles draw sees players from 29 nations. The United States has the most players participating in both: 28 in each field.

Coetzer advances after flirting with defeat

AMANDA Coetzer, of South Africa, the No 14 seed, flirted with an early exit from Wimbledon before reaching the second round yesterday.

Coetzer saved five break-points at 2-2 in the third set after going wildly off the rails in the second. But after holding on in the fifth game of the third, Coetzer immediately broke her opponent. She won 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

"I managed to get my concentration back in the third set," she said. "At that point I wasn't really thinking about what it meant if I lost. I was just trying to hang in there.

"I lost a little focus in the second set. She broke me early and then served pretty well so I could not get it back."

"That's a problem for me," Coetzer said. "Especially on grass you cannot afford to lose your concentration, even for a split second." Despite her seeding and a world ranking of 17, Coetzer has only once got beyond the third round of a grand slam event.

"The biggest hurdle for me is my mind," she admitted. "It is nice to know that people are talking about me playing Steffi Graf in the fourth round but for me each match is a bonus."

Coetzer now plays Silke Meier, of Germany, or Shaun Stafford.

Yayuk Basuki, of Indonesia, one of the few players who can match Coetzer's ease at the net, had an efficient 6-4, 7-5 first-round win over Noelle van Lottum.

The Indonesian No 1, who reached the last 16 last year, overcame some stiff resistance in the second set but finally broke her opponent in the eleventh game and then served out confidently for the match.

Basuki, a winner of tournaments at Pattaya and Jakarta this year, now plays Robin White, of the United States, for a place in the third round.

Basuki can hope to go further than last year as neither of the two seeds in Basuki's quarter of the draw, Magdalena Maleeva and Conchita Martinez, are happy on grass.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (57445)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (70110193)
9.05 Morning Surgery. Items on abortion and cataracts (s) (7126209) **9.20 Hot Chefs.** John Tovy and Alastair Little prepare sweet pastries (s) (8611667)
9.45 Whatever Happened To..? Angela Rippon looks at stories that were once headlines (s) (3705445)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8477613) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (7783025) **10.30 Stoppit and Tidyup** (r) (2805551) **10.35 A Summer Good Morning.** Highlights from *Good Morning... with Anne and Nick* (s) (6981342)
11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1124754) **11.05 Carol and Company.** American comedy drama series starring Carol Burnett (4064984) **11.30 Come Dancing** (r) (s) (6984)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1581731) **12.05 Rediscovery of the World.** Jacques Cousteau adventures (4630648) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (72969551)
1.00 News with John Tusa. (Ceefax) Weather (91716) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (83987484)
1.50 Wimbledon 93. Steffi Graf begins the defence of her title on the Centre Court in the 100th women's singles event (s) (39326396)
4.10 Juniper Jungle. Cartoon (r) (s) (6937303) **4.20 Watt On Earth.** Episode 11 (r) (s) (2789209) **4.35 The Legend Of Prince Valiant.** Animated adventures. (Ceefax) (s) (2523280)
5.00 Newsround (4934613) **5.10 Activ-8.** Unusual activities series. (Ceefax) (s) (9643174)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (378667). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Weather (629)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (209). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Wildlife 100: Ambush at Masai Mara (r). (Ceefax) See Choice (2700)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (193)

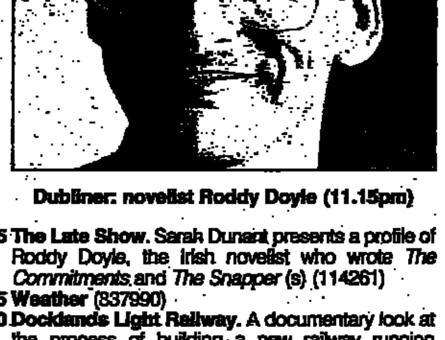


Self-sufficient: Briers and Kendal (8.00pm)

8.00 The Good Life. Margo and Jerry are perturbed when the Goods next door introduce livestock into suburbia and horrified when Tom decides to paint a shed pink in order to house chickens. Starring Richard Briers, Felicity Kendal, Penelope Keith and Paul Eddington (r). (Ceefax) (1648)
8.30 May To December. Age-gap comedy romance (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3483)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (8919)
9.30 999. Michael Buerk introduces a compilation of dramatic reconstructions from the files of Britain's emergency services shown in last year's series. (Ceefax) (s) (312777)
10.20 Today at Wimbledon introduced by Harry Carpenter and Sue Barker (s) (825445)
11.20 Body Business. The first of a two-part Australian big-business drama involving witchcraft, kidnapping, drugs and murder. (Ceefax) (s) (454716). **Northern Ireland:** Greenfingers 11.50-1.20 Body Business; **Wales:** Crystals and Cat's Whiskers 11.50-1.20 Body Business
12.50am Weather (1649830) Ends at 12.55.
2.15-4.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Club. Scrambled (289694) **3.15 Legal Network Television.** Scrambled (84781) **3.45 Accountancy Television** (284149)

BBC2

7.10 Open University: Diabetes — Restoring the Balance (5016545) **7.35** Physics: *Vibrations of Sound* (1607071) **8.00 Breakfast News** (4259735)
8.15 Westminster (6529532)
9.00 Yesterday at Wimbledon. Harry Carpenter and Sue Barker introduce highlights of the first day's play of the Championships (s) (31416)
10.00 Cricket. Richie Benaud with the best of the action from yesterday's last day's play in the second Test between England and Australia at Lord's (3810006)
10.40 Soviet 1929-1933 (b/w). From 1933, a look at the privileged way of life of Communist party officials and guests as they take the 73 hour train journey from Moscow to Tiflis with a restaurant, library, music and films to relieve the boredom (2809377)
10.45 Everest — The Hardest Way. Chris Bonington tells the story of John Hawkridge, a cerebral palsy sufferer who has climbed 40 mountains including Ben Nevis. His biggest challenge was to climb 19,000 feet up the slopes of Everest and Bonington helped prepare him for the ordeal (r) (615464)
11.45 Just So Stories. *The Crab That Played with the Sea* (r) (4258984) **11.55 The Adventures of Buzzy Bee and Friends** (r) (8579260)
12.00 Wimbledon 93. Live coverage from the Centre Court of the start of the 100th women's singles championship, plus action from the outer courts. Includes **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **2.00**, **3.00** and **3.50** (9569445)
8.30 Delia Smith's Summer Collection. Soft fruits provide the ingredients for this week's recipes which include fromage frais, strawberry cheesecake, vanilla cream terrine, peaches baked in marsala with mascarpone cream, and mille feuille. (Ceefax) (s) (1025)
9.00 Quantum Leap. American science fiction drama series starring Scott Bakula as a time-trapped scientist. Tonight he is in the body of a television newsreader who has become the unwitting middle-man between a man responsible for a series of killings in San Francisco's Chinatown and the police. (Ceefax) (643377)
9.50 Adultery: Second Time Around. (Ceefax) See Choice (942551)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman in the London studio and Peter Snow reporting from the conference of European leaders in Copenhagen. (Ceefax) (116795)



Dubliner: novelist Roddy Doyle (11.15pm)

11.15 The Late Show. Sarah Dunant presents a profile of Roddy Doyle, the Irish novelist who wrote *The Commitments* and *The Snapper* (s) (114261)
11.55 Weather (837990)
12.00 Docklands Light Railway. A documentary look at the process of building a new railway running through London's redeveloped docklands (12946). Ends at **12.30am**

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Adultery: Second Time Around
BBC2, 9.50pm

Tonight's tales of infidelity all have a more or less happy ending. There is the cheated vicar's wife who has found contentment as a lesbian. You can just imagine the tabloid headlines on that one. There is the editor of *Penthouse* who strayed the first time around but, despite the glamorous flesh that surrounds the job, has a secure second marriage. There is the couple who both had affairs, split but have come back to celebrate their fourteenth wedding anniversary. As with an Alan Whicker series, the secret of *Adultery* is finding people with a good story to tell. The quirkier it is the better. Ray Gosling perfectly plays the Whicker role, making carefully prepared questions sound spontaneous and affecting surprise at the answers.



Accepting epilepsy: Gary Johnstone (C4, 8.30pm)

People First: Fit for Life
Channel 4, 8.30pm

Gary Johnstone is a film-maker whose work includes a prize-winning demolition job on *Citizen Kane* for Channel 4's *Without Walls* series. Five years ago, at the age of 29, he was diagnosed as suffering from epilepsy. In this programme he asks for a greater understanding of the condition. He is supported by other sufferers. All of them make the same point. They can come to terms with the medical side but find it harder to cope with the attitudes of the rest of society. Johnstone's particular concern is the discrimination which epileptics face at school and in the workplace. He says that as a result sufferers try to hide the condition, though they would help themselves better by bringing it out into the open.

Wildlife 100: Ambush at Masai Mara
BBC1, 7.00pm

Tonight's classic from the archives is Hugh Miles's splendid 1982 film shot in the Masai Mara game reserve in Kenya. As Sir David Attenborough points out in his introduction, the secret of the wildlife film-maker is to be in the right place in the right time. Miles passes the test triumphantly. The film covers the events of a single day and has the narrative drive of fiction. At its centre are a herd of wildebeeste, making their migration across the east African plain. Among the hazards they have to negotiate are a swirling river, a family of cheetahs and a pair of lionesses looking for a good meal. The photography is superb, getting in closer than any human eye possibly could, and there is less violence than the subject promises.

Night Mail
Channel 4, 3.30pm

A famous 1930s documentary follows a mail train on its night-time journey from London to Scotland. *Night Mail* was part of the attempt by a group of film-makers, under the redoutable John Grierson, to represent the working lives of ordinary Britons. The project involved some notable talents. Benjamin Britten wrote the music and W.H. Auden penned the much-quoted verse which echoes the rhythm of the train as it crosses the Scottish border. If there is an air of middle-class intellectuals patronising the workers, the film is an important social document which despite some stiffness of handling stands up well. Television now tackles this sort of thing as a matter of course, but rarely with such flair.

Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. This morning's guests include Ivana Trump and Gloria Gaynor (8164764)
9.25 Talkabout. Game show (8696358) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7769445)
10.00 Out of this World. American comedy series (r) (s) (89483)
10.30 This Morning. Family magazine (32909532)
12.10 Wizadora. Children's puppet series (r) (5174700)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (1228648) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (75670880)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Teletext) (733174) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama serial (s) (732445)
2.15 Heirloom. John Bly assesses the value of artefacts brought in by the studio audience. He is joined by Eric Knowles, a bronze and glass expert (757754)
2.45 Families. Soap set in the north of England and Australia (s) (2327990)
3.10 ITN News headlines (2818209) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2800280) **3.20 The Young Doctors.** Drama serial (7997716)
3.50 Gingerbread Man (r). (Teletext) (s) (8995629) **4.00 The Raggy Dolls** (r) (s) (2681613) **4.15 Hulk Hogan** (r) (9981483) **4.40 Wilderness Edge.** Episode one (r). (Teletext) (1517071)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (8584280)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (995483)
6.00 London Tonight. News of the launch of a national cancer screening campaign. (Teletext) (93254)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (2416)
7.30 London Wildlife Challenge. While stuck in a traffic jam on the M25 in west London, Chris Packham and Tony Hare are given the task of reaching Knightsbridge by boat (s) (261)
8.00 The Bill: Broken. Inspector Monroe (Colin Tarrant) has to deal with Ken Farley (Brian Glover), an embittered redundant miner and alcoholic, who tries to organise exploited workers and gets duffed up for his troubles. (Teletext) (6716)

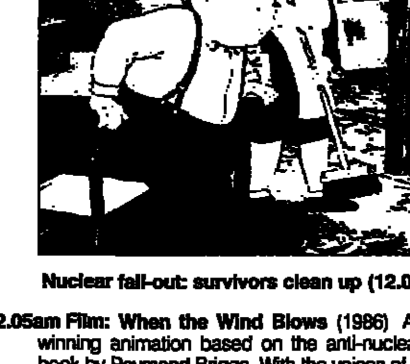


Media celebrity: heroine Goldie Hawn (8.30pm)

8.30 Film: Protocol (1984) starring Goldie Hawn and Chris Sarandon. Comedy about a cocktail waitress who unwittingly saves the life of a Middle East ruler, becomes an overnight heroine and is given a do-nothing government job. Directed by Herbert Ross. (Teletext) (s) (20648)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (83648) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletxt) and weather (732071)
10.40 Film: Charley Hannah (186) starring Robert Conrad. A made-for-television drama about a tough Florida policeman who takes a delinquent under his wing after accidentally shooting another youth. Directed by Peter H. Hunt (5002822)
12.00 Rugby: The Lions Tour. Highlights of the British Lions' match against Hawkes Bay (95830)
1.00 Prisoner: Cell Block H (15743)
2.00 The Little Picture Show (13507)
3.00 Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93. Highlights of the ITT Automative Grand Prix in Detroit (49149)
3.30 Nikkolina. Drama about a culture clash between an elderly Greek and his daughter (67694)
4.00 The Beat. Movie and music magazine presented by Gary Crowley (r) (s) (18101)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (11878)
5.30 ITN Morning News (36471). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.15 I Love Lucy (b/w). Vintage American domestic comedy series starring Lucille Ball (14358)
6.45 Spiff and Hercules. Cat and dog cartoon (2384358)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (14667)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show (s) (93025)
9.30 Schools (478193)
12.00 The Parliament Programme Anne Perkins with a round of yesterday's news from both Houses (73261)
12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early-learning series. The guest is actress Debra Winger (r) (10975)
1.30 Take Five Cartoons (21396)
2.00 Film: Meet Me After the Show (1951) starring Betty Grable and Macdonald Carey. Musical froth about a Broadway star who pretends she has lost her memory and goes missing from her errant husband's show. Directed by Richard Sale (32261)
3.30 Film: Night Mail (1936, b/w). See Choice (483)
4.00 When the Tide Goes Out. A *Survival* documentary using time-lapse photography showing the variety of life on a sea-shore (990)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving general knowledge knock-out quiz game. The question-master is William G. Stewart. (Teletext) (s) (174)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show The guests are two male lawyers who have lived together for 13 years and want to adopt a child, and a lesbian couple with two children. (Teletext) (s) (9655385)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout. Children's entertainment, narrated by Nigel Planer (669919)
6.00 Mork and Mindy. Vintage American comedy series starring Robin Williams and Pam Dawber (r) (667)
6.30 Eerie, Indiana Surreal mystery series (s) (919)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (397464)
7.50 Comment Bill Brewster thinks that football fans will not welcome all-seater stadia (908990)
8.00 People First: Fit for Life. (Teletext) See Choice (4358)
8.30 The World in a Garden. The third of a four-part series following the restoration of the garden of Biddulph Grange, Staffordshire, to its former glory (r). (Teletext) (s) (6193)
9.00 Rear Window: The Khalili Collection — Seeing Red. The second and last programme examining the collection of Islamic art owned by Iranian Jew Nasser David Khalili and worth £1billion (824700)
9.45 Four-Mations: Winners. In Peter Purves's *Next*, Shakespeare performs all his plays in five minutes. *Feet of Spring* is Erica Russell's exploration of how dance movement can be expressed (714087)
10.00 Women and Men — 2. Three short films, based on classic stories — Irwin Shaw's *Return to Kansas City*, Carson McCullers' *Domestic Dilemma* and henry Miller's *Mara*. (Teletext) (s) (777990)
11.35 Dream On Adult comedy series about the love life of a divorced New York publisher (r) (Teletext) (119777)



Nuclear fall-out: survivors clean up (12.05am)

12.05am Film: When the Wind Blows (1986) Award-winning animation based on the anti-nuclear war book by Raymond Briggs. With the voices of Dame Peggy Ashcroft and Sir John Mills. Directed by Jimmy T. Murakami (707217)
1.40 The Nat King Cole Show (b/w). The guest is Mahalia Jackson (r) (1835520). Ends at **2.10**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Blockbusters (8584280) **6.00** Home and Away (942754) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (833483) **7.30-8.00** Countrywide (261) **10.40** The Equalizer (190396) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (193803) **12.30** The Lions Tour (26859) **1.30** Film: Mystery of the Pine Cone (623217) **3.15** The Little Picture Show (3906743) **4.10-5.00** ITV Chart Show (2998385)

BORDER
As London except: 3.20pm-3.50 Sons and Daughters (7997716) **6.00** Lookaround (975) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (377) **7.30-8.00** Ronan on the Road (261) **10.40** The Equalizer (177445) **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block (585735) **12.30** The Lions Tour (26859) **1.30** Film: Mystery of the Pine Cone (623217) **3.15** The Little Picture Show (3906743) **4.10-5.00** ITV Chart Show (2998385)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15pm A Country Practice (733174) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (732445) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (7997716) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (8584280) **6.00** Home and Away (942754) **6.25-7.00** Central News (833483) **7.30-8.00** Home Run (261) **1.00** Film: Stopover Forever

(2574385) **2.05** The Big E (2826743) **3.05** Sport Wise (3114656) **4.05** Jobfinder (5788694) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (5463830)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15pm A Country Practice (733174) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (732445) **2.45-3.10** Gardener's Diary (2327990) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (7997716) **5.10-5.40** Dinosaurs (8584280) **6.00** Home and Away (975) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (377) **7.30-8.00** Travellers' Check (261) **10.40** The Equalizer (177445) **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H (585735) **12.30** The Lions Tour (26859) **1.30** Film: Mystery of the Pine Cone (623217) **3.15** The Little Picture Show (3906743) **4.10-5.00** ITV Chart Show (2998385)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45pm-2.15 Blockbusters (732445) **6.00** HTV News (975) **6.30-7.00** Fit to Win (377) **7.30-8.00** The Great Little Trains of Wales (261) **10.40** The Equalizer (190396) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (193803) **12.30** The Lions Tour (26859) **1.30** Film: Mystery of the Pine Cone (623217) **3.15** The Little Picture Show (3906743) **4.10-5.00** ITV Chart Show (2998385)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales At Six **6.30-7.00** Three's Company **7.30-8.00** Home Ground

MERIDIAN
As London except: 6.00pm Meridian Tonight (975) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (377) **7.30-8.00** Loud and Clear (261) **1.00-2.00** Magnum (15743) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen

TYNE TEES
As London except: 5.55pm Tyne Tees Today (370377) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (377) **7.30-8.00** Love & War (261) **10.40** Stately Secrets (190396) **11.40** The Lions Tour (222754) **12.40** Comedy Tonight (4222897) **1.05** The Little Picture Show (2377897) **2.05** Sledge Hammer (9387287) **2.35** 60 Minutes (3562323) **3.30** Countdown (87217) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder (13656)

ULSTER
As London except: 1.45pm-2.15 Fair City (732445) **3.20-3.50** Movies, Movies, Movies (7997716) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (93254) **7.30-8.00** Once Upon a Place (261) **10.40** Film: That's Life (61202754) **12.30** The Lions Tour (26859) **1.30** Film: Mystery of the Pine Cone (623217) **3.15** The Little Picture Show (3906743) **4.10-5.00** ITV Chart Show

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45pm-2.15 The Young Doctors (732445) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (7997716) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (93254) **7.30-8.00** Brief Encounters (261) **10.40** Giving The Empire A Lift (214984) **11.15** Prisoner: Cell Block H

(872822) **12.15** Around the World in 15 Minutes (2549032) **12.30** The Lions Tour (26859) **1.30** Film: Mystery of the Pine Cone (623217) **3.15** The Little Picture Show (3906743) **4.10-5.00** ITV Chart Show

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 5.55pm Calendar (370377) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (377) **7.30-8.00** Love & War (261) **10.40** Stately Secrets (190396) **11.40** The Lions Tour (222754) **12.40** Comedy Tonight (4222897) **1.05** The Little Picture Show (2377897) **2.05** Sledge Hammer (9387287) **2.35** 60 Minutes (3562323) **3.30** Countdown (87217) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder (13656)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (14667) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (93025) **9.30** Ysgolion (478193) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (73261) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (22025) **1.00** Sesame Street (10280) **2.00** Fighting Back (883648) **3.40** Oprah Winfrey Show (7170700) **4.30** Happy Days (174) **5.00** Fifteen To One (8174) **5.30** The Real World (754) **6.00** Newyddion (384716) **6.10** Heno (744938) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (8936) **7.30** Slac Yn Dynn (803) **8.00** Almanac (4358) **8.30** Newyddion (423919) **8.55** Rasus (910990) **9.45** ScreenPlay (714087) **10.00** The Golden Palace (74990) **10.30** Beiderbecke Connection (96532) **11.30** Sin with Bruce Morton (322358) **11.55** First Sex (219280) **12.55** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (98810349) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4971006) **9.10** *Cartoons (2799445)* **9.30** *The Pyramid Game* (64071) **10.00** Card Sharks (7936358) **10.25** Concentration (7677735) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (1423648) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (60735) **11.30** Falcon Crest (37071) **12.30pm** E Street (48087) **1.00** Another World (9070396) **1.45** Three's Company (370829) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (291290) **3.15** Diff'rent Strokes (384822) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (8735716) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (3071) **6.00** Games World (2223) **6.30** E Street (7193) **7.00** Rescue (4700) **7.30** Full House (3377) **8.00** Murphy Brown (3648) **8.30** Designing Women (5483) **9.00** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (82445) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (85532) **11.00** The Streets of San Francisco (43193) **12.00** Pages on Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (34006) **6.30** News and Business Report (859498) **9.30** Nightline (62613) **10.00** Dayline (30759) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (97629) **11.30** Business Report (35613) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (91445) **1.30** Good Morning America (92174) **2.30** Parliament Live (1761358) **3.15** Parliament Live (6279648) **4.30** News and Business Report (3990) **5.00** Live at Five (29735) **6.30** News and Business Report (25629) **7.30** Target (1919) **10.30** Nightline (45822) **11.30** ABC News (70323) **12.30am** Beyond 2000 (19385) **1.30** ABC News (55168) **2.30** Target (61878) **3.30** ABC News (66323) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (59472) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (48385)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (8888754)
10.00 Survive the Savage Sea (1992): A family's yacht is sunk (42603)
12.00 Crossplot (1969): Roger Moore becomes involved with spies (278532)
1.55pm The Red Tent (1971): Peter Finch plays an Arctic explorer (57404193)
4.00 The File of the Golden Goose (1969): Detectives go undercover to search for a gang of counterfeiters (1803)
6.00 Survive the Savage Sea (as 10am) (98648)
8.00 Other People's Money (1991): Danny DeVito attempts to buy out Gregory Peck's successful company (91193)
10.00 The Hitman (1991): Chuck Norris seeks revenge against corrupt partner Michael Parks (335935)
11.35 Fear (1990): A psychic helps track down a killer with similar powers (451735)
1.10am Joseph Andrews (1977): Henry Fielding's tale of an 18th-century footman's romantic adventures (551526)
2.50 Framed (1990): Jeff Goldblum becomes involved in art forgery (7184830)
4.15 Piranha (1978): Spoof of *Jaws* (947781). *Ends at 5.50*

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Driftwood (1947, b/w): Natalie Wood is adopted by a doctor (87938)
8.00 Airplane II: The Sequel (1982): Space shuttle disaster spoof (82483)
10.00 The King of Marvin Gardens (1972): Jack Nicholson has to bail out brother Bruce Dern (18648). Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.40am 711 Ocean Drive (1950, b/w). A racketeer becomes the leader of a bookie syndicate (42812984)
8.25 Pinocchio and the Emperor of the Night (1987): Cartoon fun (88759071)
10.00 There's No Business Like Showbusiness (1954): Ethel Merman heads a vaudeville family (40445)
12.00 Nashville Beat (1990): Kent McCord tracks a drug gang to Tennessee (30731)
2.00pm Appointment With Danger (1949): Alan Ladd and Phyllis Calvert team up to solve a murder (57434)
4.00 Pinocchio and the Emperor of the Night (as 8.25am) (9445)
6.00 Reunion (1990): Two German boys meet again 50 years later (87990)
8.00 Arena (1988): Alien gladiators fight for cash prizes. With Paul Satterfield (99735)
10.00 Misery (1990). Novelist James Caan is held prisoner by fan Kathy Bates (430822)
11.50 Quiet Days in Clichy (1989). Erotic drama based on the works of Henry Miller. Starring Nigel Havers (180735)
1.40am Beautiful Dreamers (1990) True story of the friendship between a mental asylum director and a poet (993588)
3.30 Janis (1975): Biopic of the singer Janis Joplin (444435). Ends at **5.05**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Prime Bodies (52377) **7.00** Cycling (55174) **8.00** Jack High (56803) **9.00** Prime Bodies (90551) **9.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor (27193) **10.00** Wimbledon News (6725613) **10.05** Rugby Union Super Ten (16392532) **12.00** Golf: Jersey Open (336938) **3.00pm** Snooker: Scottish Masters (718483) **6.00** Wrestling (33700) **7.00** Watersports (44209) **8.00** The Footballers' Football Show (20629) **9.00** Wimbledon News (272551) **9.05** Rugby Union Super Ten Championship (94652396) **11.00** Team Pool (83735) **12.00** Motor World (81014) **12.30am** NHRA Drag Racing Today (51385) **1.00-4.00am** Snooker: Scottish Masters (8396168)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (71990) **8.00** ATP Tennis (697551) **11.00** Eurogoals (97938) **12.00** Football: America Cup — Brazil v Chile (41261) **2.00pm** European Basketball (27532) **4.00** Free Climbing (11483) **5.00** Eurogoals (3667) **6.00** Eurofun (5839) **6.30** News (4261) **7.00** Tennis Magazine (89919) **9.00** Snooker (28261) **10.00** European Basketball (67358) **11.30-1.30am** Football: America Cup — USA v Venezuela (68087)

UK GOLD
7.00am The All-New Popeye Show (3909395) **7.30** Neighbours (3988803) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (4037261) **8.30** East-Enders (4038532) **9.00** The Bill (4954984) **9.30** When the Boat Comes In (9074006) **10.30** Casualty (1153261) **11.30** Happy Ever After (9279101) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (4047648) **12.30pm** Neighbours (6970919) **1.00** EastEnders (3908667) **1.30** The Bill (6962990) **2.00** The Magnificent Evans (4740193) **2.30** Bread (7479667) **3.00** Dallas (2757387) **4.00** Dynasty (2551764) **5.00** Blankety Blank (4731445) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (7473483) **6.00** Neighbours (7470396) **6.30** When the Boat Comes In (6097990) **7.30** The Magnificent Evans (7450532) **8.00** EastEnders (4737629) **8.30** Bread (4739464) **9.00** Casualty (8415613) **10.00** The Bill (4048377) **10.30** *Life Without George* (4057025) **11.00** Till Death Us Do Part (1101223) **11.30** Dr Who (2305532) **12.00** Film: My Favourite Wife (1940, b/w) starring Irene Dunne and Cary Grant (1141304) **1.35am** Video Bites (85735859) **2.00-2.05am** What's in Store Home Shopping

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (95667) **7.00** Ratkan Ii (60483) **9.00** Jack in the Box (10990) **11.00** Stories without Words (59667) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (48193) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (68464) **2.00** Stories Without Words (87541) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (7754) **3.00** Babar (7251) **3.30** Ratkan Ii (68174) **5.00** Pugwall's Summer (9006) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (5342) **6.00-7.00** Fame (75700)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Talking About the Enlightenment
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: Andrew Lyle presents music, news and weather, including Dvořák (Scherzo capriccioso: Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra under Libor Pesek); *Mozart, arr Brooke* (Concerto in G, K216: Serenata of London under Emmanuel Hurwitz); Walter Leigh (Concertino for harpsichord and strings: London Philharmonic under Nicholas Braithwaite); Haydn (Symphony No 88 in G, Letter V: Columbia Symphony Orchestra under Bruno Walter)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Jonathan Harvey. The composer talks to Ian Dearden and introduces some of his music, including Cello Concerto; Lauds for chorus and cello; Philia's Dream; Persephone Dream
10.10 Charles Tournemire: Tournemire, transcr Duruflé (Improvisation on Victimae Paschali); Tournemire (Sonata-Poème, Op 65; Symphony No 3, Moscow; Musique orante)
12.00 17th-Century Virtuosi: Trio Sonneria performs Giovanni Battista Fontana (Sonata Sesta); Le Sieur de Machy (Suite in D, 1685); Thomas Baltzar (Variations on "John comme kisse"); Johann Heinrich Schmelzer (Sonata No 8 in D minor, 1659); Buxtehude (Variations from "La Capricciosa": Sonata in D, Op 2 No 2, 1696) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 BBC Philharmonic: Günther Herbig conducts Wagner (Overture, Der Meistersinger); Lutoslawski (Variations on a theme of Paganini); Françaix (Concertino in G for piano and orchestra: Jutta Czapski, piano); Beethoven (Symphony No 8 in F)
2.00 Third Opinion (r)
2.45 BBC Festival of Brass: Manger Musikklag under David King and Kim Lofthouse performs Torstein Aagaard-Nilsen (Introduction); Stephen Bulla (Firestorm); Aagaard-Nilsen (Abstractions); John Golland (Concerto for Band); George Lloyd (Diversions on a Bass Theme)
3.45 Joaquín Achúcarro, piano, plays Ravel (Prélude in A minor; Alborada del gracioso, Miroirs); Debussy (Clair de lune, Suite bergamasque; La cathédrale engloutie, Préludes, Bk I); La soirée dans Grenade, Estampes); Ravel (Valses nobles et sentimentales) (r)
4.30 Groovin' High: Alyn Shipton presents the last of a six-part tribute to Dizzy Gillespie
5.00 In Tune with Stephen Johnson
7.25 Inquest of Love: English National Opera Chorus and Orchestra under Mark Elder performs Act 1 of Jonathan Harvey's new opera, in a production by David Pountney. With Linda Mcleod as Ann and Peter Coleman-Wright as John. **8.30** Aspects of Harvey. A discussion on tonight's production. **8.50** Act 2
9.55 Bach: Concerto in the Italian Style, BWV 971; Overture in the French Style, BWV 831
10.45 Night Waves: Humphrey Carpenter explores creativity and intimacy
11.30 Poet and Purist: Jonathan Swain traces the development of the symphony and symphonic poem. Balakirev (Symphonic poem, Tamara); Borodin (Symphony No 2 in B minor) **12.30-12.35am News**
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day with Canon Eric James **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Call Debbie Thrower: 071-580 4444 from 9am
10.00-10.30 Roads to Freedom (FM only): Joanna Buchan presents the second and final part of a documentary on the South African lawyer Harold Wolpe and his involvement with the African National Congress
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Exodus. Read by David Kossoff (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Rachel Heyhoe-Flint and Brian Johnston explore the attractions of cricket; and Faith Kent discusses rabies and the quarantine laws. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Medicine Now: Geoff Watts investigates the British Medical Association's report on aromatherapy, reflexology and other complementary medicine
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Word of Mouth: Frank Delaney looks at the language of words **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Thirty-Minute Theatre: Cat's Whiskers. See Choice
2.30 Singing for a Living: Nigel Douglas talks to the British soprano Felicity Lott
3.00-4.00 Tuesday Lives (FM only); Joanna Buchan discovers how a young girl escaped from the Moonies
3.00 Prime Minister's Questions (LW only) **4.00 News**
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews Sunetra Gupta's book *The Glassblower's Breath*; and considers the state of women's writing in Britain
4.45 Short Story: The Right Set, by Nigel Williams. Read by Nigel Anthony (2/3)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Virgin in the Ice, by Ellis Peters. Sir Michael Hordern narrates the second series of *The Chronicles of Brother Cadfael.* Starring Philip Madoc as the medieval sleuth. Dramatised by Bert Coules (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: Tom Carver asks if South Africa's police force can be persuaded to back the country's moves towards multi-party democracy
8.00 Science Now: Alun Lewis looks at memory in animals, humans and computers (r)
8.30 Truth to Tell: Alexis St Martin's Stomach. True stories from Anthony Smith
8.45 In Touch, presented by Peter White. For people with a visual handicap
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Alexander MacLeod
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Witchbroom. Written and read by Lawrence Scott (7/10)
11.00 The Radio Programme, presented by Laurie Taylor (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Spotlight on ... Grace Moore. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*
Michael Alexander's life of the American lyric soprano, whose operatic success was fed by her movie fame, is richly illustrated by examples of her conquest of both worlds. For every "One Night of Love", there is a "Vissi d'arte"; for every "Chiri-biri-bin", a "One Fine Day". Perhaps no singer except Mario Lanza made opera so accessible to the masses. Alexander digs up some fascinating facts, such as Bruno Walter's being the accompanist when Moore auditioned for the Met.

Thirty-Minute Theatre: Cat's Whiskers. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*
Men do not come out at all well from Alice Thomas Ellis's taut comedy. Goods-and-chattels wife Anna Massey prepares for another day of domesticity while overbearing husband Philip Madoc prepares for another day of pheasant shooting. She thinks she once knew when love began, but then concludes she probably just learnt about it from books. Her only attentive ear is the cat with whom she has something in common. Converts to the "marriage can be hell" faith will nod furiously in recognition this afternoon. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session **8.30** Loose Talk (r) **9.00** The David Bowie Story presented by Paul Gambaccini (final part) **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Sarah Kennedy **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Simply Ballroom (4/6) **7.30** Hayes Over Britain **9.00** Spotlight on.. Grace Moore (1898-1947). See Choice **10.00** Walking on Sunshine: Eddy Grant presents Jamaican reggae music **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: Newshour **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Infant Science — See for Yourself; **9.15** First Steps in Drama; **9.35** Wordplay; **9.45** Singing Together; **10.05** Time to Move **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Wimbledon '93 **7.15** The Storyteller's Tale: Sweets from a Stranger, by Nicholas Fisk. Read by Anita Dobson **7.30** Talking Poetry **8.00** Cult Radio **9.30** X Minus One **10.10** Earshot **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin, Tips für Touristen **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Rock Salad **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** Hallowed Ground **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Concert Hall **10.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Growing Points in Medicine **10.30** The Learning World **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Discovery **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Megamix **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 1 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: Lucky Jim **3.45** Sportsworld **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Megamix **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** Concert Hall **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Omnibus **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** From Age to Age **2.45** Country Style **3.00** News **3.30** Development '93 **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Telemann (Viola Concerto: Stephen Shingles) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **5.00** Classic Reports **7.00** The Classic Opera Guide **8.00** Evening Concert: Ravel (Le Tombeau de Couperin); Poulenc (Concert Champêtre); Debussy (Nocturnes) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ Williams **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Mitch Johnson **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Jonathan Coleman **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00** Wendy Lloyd

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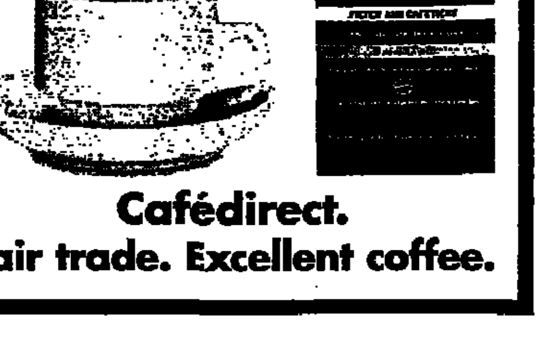
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Gooch announces his intention to continue as England's captain despite crushing defeat at Lord's

England resistance broken by May

JULIAN HERBERT



The gate is open: Australia's fielders rushed to congratulate May after the off spinner had sent Stewart, the last of the specialist England batsmen, on his lonely walk back to the pavilion

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

LORD'S (final day of five): Australia beat England by an innings and 62 runs

ENGLAND have lost seven consecutive Test matches and regaining the Ashes from a Australian team they have failed to beat in 15 attempts is a fanciful notion. But the Lord's pavilion did not, last night, witness any emotional resignations. Ted Dexter will chair the selection of the England team for the next Test, the third at Trent Bridge, and Graham Gooch will remain as captain, for the time being.

The action on the field yesterday ended at 3.25, when Shane Warne took the last two England wickets with similar, successive balls to complete England's third innings defeat of the year, another unwanted first. Then the ceremonies began. The red carpet was rolled out for the Queen and the firing squad assembled for Dexter and Gooch.

They survived the ordeal of a long and passionate press conference but not without confusion and discomfort. What emerged is that the time is not right for Gooch to stand down and Dexter is not about to accept accountability.

Gooch spoke simply and unsmilingly. He was dressed ready for home and in poor humour. He said he had not offered his resignation, then reluctantly elaborated. "I don't like losing games," he said. "Nevertheless, I don't think this is the right time to give up. I will be captaining the England side in the next match.

"It's not all happy laughing in our dressing-room, I can assure you, but we have to carry on and look at ways we can improve things. We are not playing good enough cricket and we must improve in every department."

Then it was the turn of Dexter, who endured an uncomfortable half-hour, stumbling over answers and leaving sentences unfinished. At times stubbornly defensive, at times bewilderingly obtuse, Dexter was fluent only in his appraisal of the captain's position, which will alter only when the series is lost.

"We reappointed Graham last week because the speculation was such that we felt we would be putting him and the team in a completely impossible position if he had come here with the sword of Damocles hanging over his head," Dexter said. "He told me that he only wanted England to be successful and that we must feel free to review the situation at any time. That position remains.

"I am perfectly happy with the captain. We have got the right man doing the job. He is the only one who can pull us round." Asked if it would still be ideal to blood a new captain before the end of the series, Dexter retorted: "Not at all. The ideal scenario would be to win the series 4-2, with Gooch as captain."

He returned to this theme, almost suggesting he believed it likely, but a more honest summary was to come. "We are not pleased and we will select the next team in the light of what has gone on. Nobody is happy to be two down, least of all those who are trying to run the side. We are trying to get out of the muck."

For three days of this match, England were hopelessly outplayed. That Australia were able to inflict such humiliation with Craig McDermott, their main strike bowler, out of the game says much for their spirit and their skill; it says nothing at all for England that they could allow it. Keith Fletcher, the team manager, described England's batting on Saturday as "diabolical". But he would agree with his chairman that the worst problems of the side were exposed on the first two days. As Dexter said: "The reason we have lost matches is that everyone makes 500 against us. Once you have conceded that many, you are up against it."

England's bowling here was spirited enough, but contained no threat to Australian batsmen who can seldom have had things so easy. It is not enough to say, as Dexter did more than once, that Border won an important toss. He did, but not so important that the pitch should give every impression of adopting a new character between innings. One feared that a wicket could fall to almost any ball when England were batting; when they were bowling, one wondered if there would ever be another wicket taken.

A measure of pride was salvaged from the last two days and a second innings score of 365 was progress, at least. But although four men batted at least three hours and passed 50, nobody made a century; the count in the series is now 5-1 to Australia.

Border was also able to maintain attacking fields and allow his two spin bowlers to wheel through 100 overs in the innings. May, vastly improved since his last tour here, was this time the pick of the two and yet Warne finished the match with eight wickets, making 16 in two games.

There were two phases yesterday in which England hinted that the game might be saved. After Gatting's 266-minute battle was ended by a marginal leg before decision as he cut against Warne's leg-break, Hick and Stewart carried England within 15 minutes of lunch. Later, Stewart and Foster occupied most of the afternoon with a stubborn seventh-wicket stand.

But the first defiance ended when Hick, whose clean striking was interspersed by moments of frailty, was cleverly outmanoeuvred by May, who went round the wicket and had him caught at slip with the arm ball. Lewis then thrust mysteriously down the pitch in May's next over and was stumped by a yard.

Once Stewart was out, playing no shot to May, the end came swiftly. Many will now be asking how long it can be before there is also an end to the executive.

Leaders win, page 40

AUSTRALIA
First Innings 632 for 4 (M A Taylor 111, M J Slater 152, D C Boon 164 not out, M E Waugh 99, A R Border 77).

ENGLAND
First Innings 205 (M A Atherton 80; M G Hughes 4 for 62, S K Warne 4 for 57).

Second Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Ball
*G A Gooch c Healy b Warne	29		4	91	93
edged leg break to keeper going forward					
M A Atherton run out (Hughes-Healy)	99		13	242	215
slipped twice after mix-up over third run					
M W Gatting lbw b Warne	59		7	261	223
beaten off pitch, hit on back leg					
R A Smith c sub (M L Hayden) b May	5		1	10	14
diving catch at short leg off miscue					
G A Hick c Taylor b May	64		9	176	158
edged round the wicket delivery to slip					
†A J Stewart lbw b May	62		10	172	166
playing no shot					
C C Lewis st Healy b May	0			7	7
moved down pitch, beaten on outside					
N A Foster c M Waugh b Border	20		1	90	81
bat-pad to silly point					
A R Caddick not out	0			23	19
P M Such b Warne	4		1	15	18
sweeping, bowled round legs					
P C R Tufnell b Warne	0			1	1
bowled round legs					
Extras (b 9, lb 7)	23				
Total (563 mins, 165.5 overs)	365				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-71 (Atherton 38), 2-175 (Gatting 31), 3-180 (Gatting 31), 4-244 (Hick 35), 5-304 (Stewart 31), 6-312 (Stewart 39), 7-361 (Foster 20), 8-361 (Caddick 0), 9-365 (Caddick 0).

BOWLING: Hughes 31-9-75-0 (7-0-15-0, 6-3-10-0, 13-5-25-0, 2-0-15-0, 3-1-10-0); M Waugh 17-4-55-0 (7-1-24-0, 5-0-25-0, 5-3-6-0); May 51-23-81-4 (18-12-19-0, 4-1-13-0, 4-0-16-1, 20-6-33-2, 4-4-0-1); S Waugh 2-0-13-0 (one spell), Warne 48.5-17-102-4 (18-6-41-1, 4-1-9-0, 7-1-12-0, 10-5-24-1, 8-4-12-0, 1.5-0-4-2); Border 16-8-16-1 (4-1-6-0, 4-1-6-0, 8-7-4-1).

Umpires: M J Kitchen and D J Shepherd (replay umpire: J C Balderstone).

Man of the Match: M J Slater (Australia) (adjudicator: R Illingworth).

Australia won by an innings and 62 runs.

PREVIOUS RESULT: First Test (Old Trafford): Australia won by 179 runs.

MATCHES TO COME: Third Test: Trent Bridge, July 1-6. Fourth Test: Headingley, July 22-26. Fifth Test: Edgbaston, August 5-9. Sixth Test: The Oval, August 19-23.

Border loves Lord's

ALLAN Border took leave of his favourite ground last night, every inch a winner, yet tempering his pride with gracious words for the vanquished (Michael Henderson writes). "You can't recreate the atmosphere of Lord's, which is why our guys love playing here," he said. "We respond to Lord's in a positive way, which is possibly why we do so well."

Border still feels England are capable of matching the Australians. "I rate the players that I see very highly. There is a spark missing at the moment which someone can still ignite," he said.

Agassi warms to Wimbledon's welcome

BY STUART JONES
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THE honour of defending the Wimbledon title continues to be an inspiration for Andre Agassi. The thought stimulated him during his recuperation from a damaged wrist, and it lifted him when he seemed initially to be in trouble yesterday. As the Championships opened, he started tentatively against Bernd Karbacher, but finished convincingly, winning 7-5, 6-4, 6-0.

"When I went out there, it was the second best feeling in my life," he said. "The best was winning it." After so little preparation, was he tired? "The way I felt I could have played 10 sets. I didn't want to leave the court."

He and his opponent though, might have been shuffling into an outpatients' department. Agassi sported a brace on his wrist, the legacy of tendinitis which had led to two months of enforced rest. Karbacher was still wheezing with bronchitis, for which he had sought treatment by acupuncture.

Neither was operating at full power, but Agassi, warming to the occasion, exhibited enough of his ability to be regarded by Karbacher as his favourite to win the tournament. "He has got a good draw," he said, "and, if he can get through the next two rounds, he can beat anybody."

The first part of the statement is undeniable. There are seemingly no genuine threats in Agassi's path until the fourth round, where he is scheduled to collide with Richard Krajicek, the tall Dutchman with the thunderous serve. That is when the second part of Karbacher's claim may have to be reviewed.

The inflammation in Agassi's right wrist, which still requires constant treatment, has persuaded him to change his service action. Truncated, it might have been copied from Jo Durie, but the refinement is apparently beneficial. He served more aces yesterday than in the whole of last year's Championships.

Yet this was evidently not the same Karbacher who had recently beaten Michael Chang twice and Boris Becker. As his breathing developed into a pant and a rasp, so the match and all of the glorious possibilities slipped rapidly away. He won only four more games and, in a mere 92 minutes, the 25-year-old German, ranked 36th in the world, was leaving the court with a dancing, waving, and relieved Agassi.

Ivan Lendl dropped the first set against Brian Devening, and was in danger of going out in the first round for the fourth successive tournament. However, the seventh seed survived and so did the second, Stefan Edberg, who also dropped a set against Greg Rusedski. The only seed to fall was Karel Novacek.

He was knocked out by Luis Herrera, a left-hander who has already distinguished himself on British grass. Last year, he reached the semi-final at Manchester, before becoming the first Mexican to feature in the third round at Wimbledon since Raoul Ramirez in 1978.

Novacek's departure will comfort Pete Sampras. Before he makes his first appearance, delayed on request until today, the top seed knows that he cannot now meet a seed until at least the quarter-finals. Then, though, he is scheduled to meet either Agassi or Krajicek.

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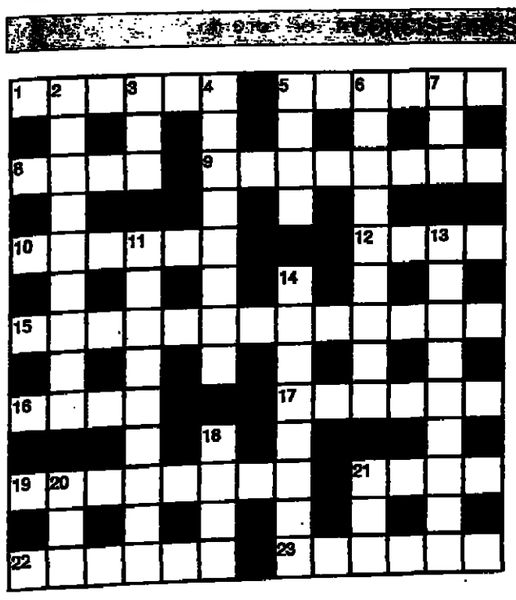
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16 On an occasion (4)
17 Reserved, shy (6)
19 Light firework (8)
21 Cut back (4)
22 Assented (6)
23 Monks' clothes (6)

DOWN

2 Colour-changing lizard (9)
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4 Categorise (8)
5 Short cloak (4)
6 Very observant (5,4)
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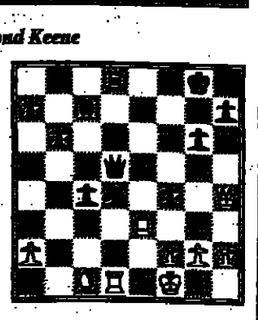
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By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game, Short — Timman, Holland 1989. White has a material advantage of rook against knight, but black has two pawns more and a well centralised position. However, it is white's move, and this factor proves crucial. How does white finish off?



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By Philip Howard

BASKERVILLE
a. A gigantic hound
b. A Bridge convention
c. A type of type

MALLAM
a. Curdled horse's milk
b. A scribe
c. A flowering shrub

FRUSTRANEOUS
a. Having sharp husks
b. Useless
c. Irritating

TAYACIAN
a. An Indonesian language
b. A single-combat archer
c. A flake industry

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